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Christmas Day Swim – Hands and Hooves United

By Marilou Newell

The joy and excitement was palpable as Christmas morning swimmers and their vocal supporters lined the beach in Mattapoisett on December 25, 2018. For the fifteenth year, the festive and fun Christmas Swim, a fundraiser for Helping Hands and Hooves, brought out family and friends who have made this event part of their holiday celebration.

From small children to those whose salad days had long passed, this Christmas plunge has become a fun way to celebrate the season of giving, sharing, and, most



of all, caring for one another.

The sky was clear and bright above the calm water with temperatures for both

hovering in the low-40's range as the participants and their fans prepared to baptize themselves in Mattapoisett's historic harbor. Some of the shore huggers remembered past swims that found only a few brave souls shoveling snow off the beach to gain access to the water. But that was not the case this year as some declared the weather "balmy" with participants crowding the beach.

Julie Craig is the driving force behind the annual swim that raises money used to offset expenses associated

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with her therapeutic horseback riding program, a program that has been helping people with special challenges for well over a decade. When *The Wanderer* caught up with Craig in 2004, she, along with her family, friends, and students, were grieving the loss of a very special horse, one that Craig used to help launch her program. That horse was named Cooper.

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Craig's background as an equestrian is exceptional. Having started at the age of three, Craig trained with several Olympic medalists before earning USEF certification as an instructor. She shared with me that in the beginning it was a friend's brother who has autism that inspired her to begin thinking about using horses for therapy. Fast forward, with her business partner and longtime friend Debbi Dyson, the duo created a non-profit program for people with special needs, thus was born Helping Hands and Hooves.

Each year, some of Craig's students participate in the Special Olympics, a high point for all involved. Yvonne Haitisma, a volunteer at the stables, said that Craig's program always has representation at the Olympics.

Pat Goss whose family has been involved in Craig's program and the annual swim since 2004 said that there are a variety of programs available for youths and adults with special needs, but unless one searches for them, one might not be aware of their availability.

"They can't go into the schools, for instance, because of privacy issues," Goss explained. She said that having a program such as Craig's located in Mattapoisett was a blessing. Goss also shared that the Christmas swim has grown substantially over the years due primarily to the efforts of Craig and Dyson and the families they serve.

And how did this year go? Well there were 47 registered swimmers with donations coming in at \$2,500.

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By Shawn Sweet

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Marion recently, then you've probably seen the Christmas tree out on the block in the harbor. It's a notable return for townies, but also somewhat of a mystery to many in regards to its origin. According to Dan Crete, "It's sort of a cobbler's-kids-have-no-shoes story."

Dan and Kellie Crete of Marion began the tradition several years ago on a whim. Although Dan, the owner of Saltworks Marine in Marion, found time to serve his customers by hauling their boats out of the water throughout the fall, his family boat was always left for last.

"Years ago we decided to leave our boat, Courage, in through Christmas. Kel and I went back and forth about doing something fun with our kids to show some Christmas spirit. Maybe a big wreath on the boat?" said Crete. "No. How about a tree on the boat?"

"Then we thought of putting one somewhere with the boat so everyone could see it," Crete said.



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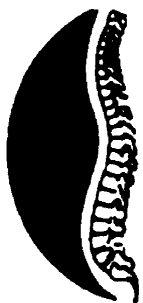
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It takes a village, or so they say. The Crete's tree operation and its group have evolved over the years. There from the beginning is Crete's friend, Larry Hall. The outing to place the tree, though, now includes several families from both Marion and Rochester, providing enough helpers this year for the two-boat mission.

"The group has grown to involve some of the nicest folks in town," said Crete. "Kids, dogs, it's so much fun. Each year is a bit different, but always special. What a great tradition it's become. Great memories for all of us kids at heart, old and young."

Crete is modest about his role in the tree's undertaking, complete with lighting and requiring multiple check-ins and maintenance, given the elements out on the open water.

The tree – the 'real' tree – has often been

donated by Steve Gonsalves of Marion. Crete's Saltworks' crew built an industrial tree stand which the crew ratchet straps to the block. He's experimented with string lights, as well as solar-powered LED lights.

"This year we have shifted over to white spot lights set around the tree," said Crete. He admitted he was planning to add a few more spotlights in order to be better viewed from the beach.

The tree has become an anticipated holiday fixture for Marion, and Crete's affection for his town is apparent.

"We have such a great spirit in the community," he said.

When asked why he thinks the residents of Marion love the tree, he shared that he felt it's the kind of thing that transcends the social boundaries created these days.



"I think it's a bit of an extension of the Christmas spirit that starts to build prior to the Christmas Stroll here in town," said Crete. "The sight of the tree out there standing proud against the elements always brings a smile to my face. It's good fun to hope that might be just a little bit infectious."

And that it is.

It's Coming on Christmas

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

Everywhere I go now, every social media platform, every radio station, every retail outlet, the faint drumbeat is getting louder – it's coming on Christmas.

Of all the holidays and happy event occasions we traditionally celebrate, Christmas is the hardest. Etched deep within my aging brain are all those images of childhood Christmases spent living on the edge of hypervigilance with its associated anxiety and the feeling that at any moment the worst was about to happen.

By the way, it never really did. Instead, Christmas was a mixture of unseen, yet ever-present discordant notes mixed with failed attempts at being happy.





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All the classic 1950's scenes of trees adorned with tinsel and lights, wrapping paper strewn across of the floor, and Christmas stockings overflowing with treats – I have those images. But the overarching unseen doom, the atmospheric tension that in an instant the illusion would be ruptured by a scream, held us all in suspended animation just trying to get through the day. Our family motto was, "Don't make a wave."

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I did make a huge effort to give my son happy holiday experiences, saving a few dollars each week year-round so that I could surprise him with that longed-for toy. There was the Christmas I wrapped up a new wardrobe of summer clothing that he, with as much dignity as a 10-year-old boy could muster, responded to with a "thank you." Finally, he opened that slim envelope that held the Disney World brochure. February school vacation at the Magic Kingdom was a great surprise. I hope I never forget the look on his face as it went from total dejection to complete delight. That memory makes me smile, especially when I need it the most.

It's coming on Christmas. I have time to adjust my thinking.

When the grandchildren were little, our home became the Christmas epicenter. There were trips to Edaville, followed by a sleepover weekend, dress up, impromptu parades through the house, hide-n-seek, baking cookies, craft projects, and if there was snow, sledding. I'd fill a weekend from morning to bedtime with the stuff that makes happy memories for children, as I lived a second childhood of my own making and laughed, laughed, laughed. My inner child in recovery.

It is wonderful when those now grown women recall a happy childhood memory of fun with Grandma.

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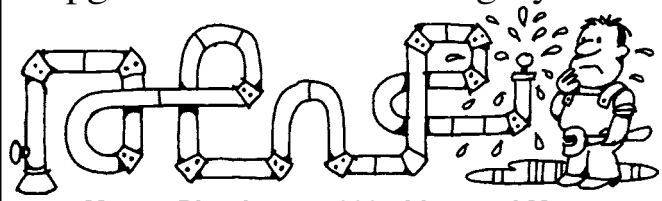
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My mother didn't want to be the way she was. In later years when she was more stable, when raging hormones and rollercoaster mood swings were dramatically smoothed out due to age and a little medication, she grieved over having been a lousy mother. I assuaged her self-loathing by telling her we turned out okay. But it was a lie. One she wanted to hear. I told her that any residual psychological problems her children had were their responsibility to repair. She'd cry and I'd be right back to being a 6-year-old kid trying to comfort my mother. I reminded her that her grandchildren, who revered her and on whom she lavished every ounce of love she had to give, were all successful people doing well. That didn't make her happy. She mourned a wasted life. Habits of thought are so hard to break.

Today we understand mental health problems. Today there are many choices for living with and improving the lives of people with depression, anxiety, and its many manifestations. In my mother's day, there was little that medical science could offer other than tranquilizers that she abhorred. And all my father would say to her is, "Knock it off!"

We rode the anger, tears, compulsive meticulous cleaning, inability to sleep, desire to stay in bed all day, overeating, not eating enough, and yes, those peaceful interludes – we rode them with her, and for me, I some days ride them still.

"It's Coming On Christmas" is a Joni Mitchell song with heartbreaking musical passages that sets the

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tone of the season for me. That sense of wanting to be somewhere else, be someone else, lifted up on the high notes and gently placed beside a manger on the low notes, and holding tightly the knowledge that if I can hold on long enough, this too shall pass.

Taber Library Welcomes New Library Director

By Jean Perry

The Elizabeth Taber Library Board of Trustees' search committee has selected its new library director who will assume the position by mid-January of the New

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"While the search committee received a number of great applications, interviewing six in all, we felt Elizabeth had all the talents we were looking for in a library director," said Jay Pateakos, Trustee President. "She was energetic, a great collaborator, created wonderful programs at Mattapoisett, and much more."

Sherry embraced technology, Pateakos said, something the search committee appreciated, and a number of Sherry's references reported that they would intentionally send people to Elizabeth to help their patrons with technology issues.

"That was huge for the search committee," said Pateakos.

The search committee was comprised of the Trustees president and vice president, a former library employee, and three long-time townspeople and library patrons.

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Sherry has a BA in English with a Minor in Comparative Literature from UMass Amherst, and earned her Masters in Library Science with a concentration in Archives Management at Simmons University.

"During my time as Reference and Adult Services Librarian at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library, I have committed myself to connecting patrons with innovative services and creating a welcoming environment that combines a modern attitude towards library science with a traditional and personal customer service experience," says Sherry. "As a resident of the tri-town, I am eager to continue to serve my community as the Director of the Elizabeth Taber Library."

Fire, EMTs Rescue Dog Trapped in Icy Waters

By Jean Perry

Murphy the dog is safe and warm tonight, but on December 20, Rochester firefighters and EMTs rushed to a cranberry bog off Sarah Sherman Road in Rochester to rescue poor Murphy who had fallen through the thin ice.

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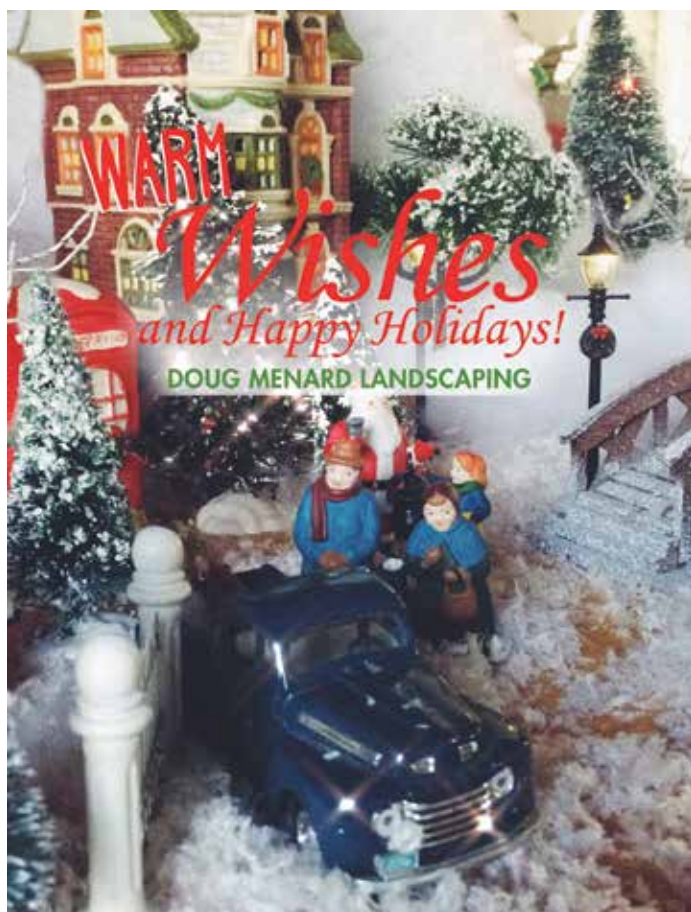
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Hours prior to the incident, Murphy had run off from his family and was not heard from or seen until someone walking near the bog heard Murphy’s yelps for help and called 911.

According to Eldridge, a second dog was spotted at the scene barking,

but ran off when help arrived. Eldridge credited the dog for possibly helping to alert others to Murphy’s whereabouts from his loud barking.

A helicopter overhead captured the rescue on video as it unfolded, and Eldridge could be seen hoisting a willing-to-be-rescued Murphy onto the ice sled, and the two were quickly pulled to the edge where EMTs were waiting to take Murphy to the ambulance for treatment and warming.

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dog was fine and he went along for the ride."

Animals falling through the ice and becoming trapped are not uncommon occurrences in Rochester this time of year, Eldridge said. He's rescued dogs before, as well as five or six deer during his time with the department. Eldridge said he has only participated in one rescue of a human who had broken through the ice on Snipatuit Pond.

"It doesn't matter if it was a dog or a person and anyone else. It's what we do," said the humble hero.

It surprised Eldridge that the story had reached the news in Akron, Ohio, and local television



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news sources were also reporting on the rescue and broadcasting the helicopter video footage.

Eldridge said he was glad there was a happy ending to this story and that Murphy was now back safe with his family.

"I never met the people who own Murphy, but to see the kid on TV happy his dog was home, it was a really cool ending. Seeing the dog running through the yard with the boy – I think that's the best part about all of it."



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How to Holiday Recycle: Wrapping-Up What to Do

By Jean Perry

The holiday season produces 25 percent more solid waste than the rest of the year which might not have crossed one's mind during prior years until 2018 when the country suddenly realized the solid waste and recycling crisis it was facing since the Chinese market closed its doors to American recyclables.

Now that Christmas is over and we are heading into another year of unknown certainty when it comes to recycling, it is critical that consumers and residents get a grasp on when to recycle your leftover holiday waste materials and when to throw it in the trash.

Patti Howard, the community outreach coordinator from Covanta Energy at SEMASS, wants residents to know what to do with the different categories of Christmas leftovers to keep the recycling process operating efficiently, and to keep your town's trash or recycling from being turned away because too many people put too many of the wrong items into the wrong bins.

Let's start with wrapping paper, which is likely your house's top post-Christmas morning waste product. The blanket statement, Howard said, is not to recycle your wrapping paper. However, if you are serious about recycling the right way, you can take a closer look at your particular wrapping paper to see if perhaps some, or all of it, is eligible for recycling.

Certainly, if on the blank side of your wrapping paper you see the words "recyclable" anywhere on it, proceed to the recycling bin. Any bits smaller than 2 square inches, however, should go straight into the trash so the tiny papers don't interfere with recycling processing equipment.

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Wrapping paper that contains glitter, sequins, applied decorations that cannot be removed, velvety flocking, or shiny metallic sparkles should go in the trash. Not sure if your wrapping paper is recyclable? Try the "crumple test."

If you can crumple a piece of wrapping paper into a ball and it retains its shape (and doesn't contain any of the characteristics mentioned above), it may be recyclable. But if you are still unsure, the safest thing to do is to throw it away.

As Howard pointed out, often people prefer to burn their wrapping paper instead of throwing it in the trash, but she cautions residents to refrain from the practice of burning wrapping paper.

"Sometimes the wrapping paper can be treated with chemicals that shouldn't be burned," said Howard. But if throwing wrapping paper into the trash bothers you, Howard has another idea for you. Why not recycle it by reusing it?

And forget about recycling tissue paper. Tissue paper always goes in the trash bin.

Recycling is critical, but there are two equally important parts to the sustainability equation – reducing and reusing.

Some higher quality wrapping paper is harder to tear and crease and, if carefully opened, can be folded and tucked away for use next year. The same goes for your ribbon and bows, which would otherwise get tossed in the trash. Why not consider saving them for reuse, thus reducing your holiday waste in small ways that can really add up?

"Besides," said Howard. "People could be spending less on what doesn't matter, like wrapping paper and bows, and more on what does matter."

Getting back to those ribbons and bows, Howard made it clear that, aside from reusing it, the trash is the only other place it belongs.

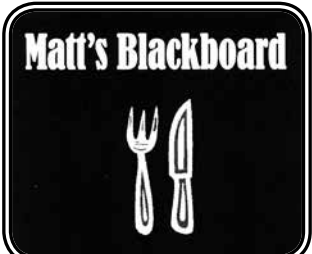
"Not in the recycle bin," said Howard. "Gotta go in the trash."

During the holidays, we send some 1.5 billion Christmas cards, the equivalent of 300,000 new trees being harvested. Like some wrapping paper, some Christmas cards can be recycled while some cards cannot. If it's purely paper – no glitter, shiny paper, foil, plastic, metal, or velvet flocking – feel free to recycle it. Or, if possible, tear off any parts that contain non-recyclable materials and recycle the pure paper.

Still, those pretty foil and glittery ones don't necessarily need to end up in the trash. One idea is to cut them up into smaller pieces and reuse them next year for gift tags, another way to accomplish Howard's recommendation: spend less on what doesn't matter.

Whether used to ship gifts to your house or to box up and wrap, cardboard boxes are one thing that can always be recycled. Break boxes down, flatten them, and keep them to a maximum of 2 square feet in size.

Gift bags (sans the tissue paper) might also be recyclable if they are purely paper with no plastic film or other of the decorative aforementioned recycling



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contaminates. Or, like most people, reuse them for next year.

Also non-recyclable, but by no means non-reusable, are disposable plastic cutlery, straws, and most plates and cups; however, check for a recycling symbol and rinse it off before tossing it into the recycle bin. Wax-coated paper plates are never reusable, even clean ones, and never throw soiled paper plates into the recycling bin – trash or compost only.

During the winter holidays is when Americans purchase 40 percent of all battery sales for the year. Never throw batteries into the trash. They can be stored and then returned to, for example, electronics stores or other venues that advertise accepting old batteries.

Polystyrene (Styrofoam) is not recyclable in your curbside bin in any of the three towns in the Tri-Town. Other items such as bubble wrap and packing peanuts should go in the trash.

Strands of holiday lights should never end up in the recycling bin. According to Howard, some stores welcome your old lights and might even offer a coupon towards a brand-new set of LED lights for next year.

Holiday decorations – even the plastic ones – do not belong in the recycling bin. Neither does your artificial

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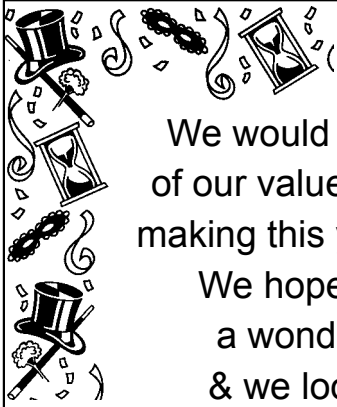
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tree or those old toys you want to get rid of to make way for the new ones. Better than throwing them away, why not donate them? It's indeed true that one's trash is another's treasure, especially for those who cannot afford new decorations and toys every year. And with our current solid waste disposal conundrum, anything that doesn't get thrown in the trash is better for all of us.

The human race has used more resources in the last 50 years than the rest of the human race has used throughout all human history. Perhaps as we enter the new year, we'll consider a resolution to reduce, reuse, and recycle all we can.

Mattapoisett Tax Reclassification Part Two

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

Even the best organizations have an 'oops' protocol, and so when the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen met on December 19 to vote on the tax reclassification for the town, it was the second time they had done so.

During their regular meeting on December 4, the agenda included meeting with Principal Assessor Kathleen Costello for her report on the reclassification study her department had completed and to vote on the tax structuring and rate.

However, state regulations require that this topic be advertised individually, and a public hearing held exclusively for this purpose.

Thus, on December 19, the selectmen held a brief meeting which had been advertised following the public meeting protocol to solidify their earlier decision and cast their votes following state guidelines.

Regarding the issue of a single - versus a split-rate, Costello offered that residential homeowners would not benefit from a split tax rate as only 6.7 percent of all properties in the community are classified as commercial or industrial businesses.

"Even the maximum allowable tax shift to these classes produces a relatively negligible decrease in the tax burden for the residential property class," said Costello.

At the same time, the tax burden on those businesses would go up \$6.61 or \$19.83 per \$1,000 in assessed value, she calculated.

Costello said the average single-family home had an assessed value for fiscal year 2019 of \$484,356. She further pointed out that the total revenue raised by

both tax and non-tax sources for FY2019 is \$34,653,529, an increase of 4.8 percent from FY2018.

In explaining the importance of maintaining a single-rate tax base for all real estate, Costello affirmed the residential homeowner would not benefit from a split-rate and asked the selectmen to vote for a modest increase of \$0.20, or an increase of 1.5 percent, bringing the rate per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$13.21 from \$13.02 in FY18.

The selectmen again voted unanimously to maintain a single rate and the 1.5 percent increase.

The next regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for January 8 at 6:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

Selectmen Visualize Next Town Administrator

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

What strengths, experience, and skills will the new town administrator have, preferable, and what are the challenges facing Marion that he or she must be ready to face? This was the jumping off point for the Marion Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, December 19, as it held a special meeting to get the town administrator



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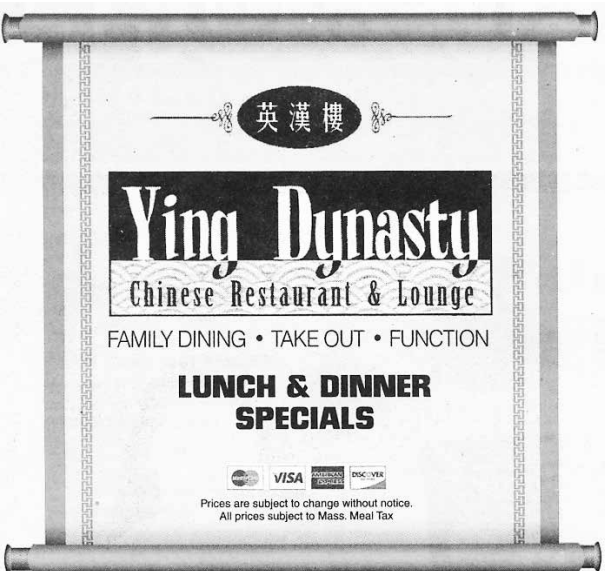


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search underway with the assistance of professional recruiter, Bernard Lynch.

Lynch, the former city manager for the City of Lowell, wants the input of Town House and Town department staff in addition to the selectmen, "And then we can create a profile," said Lynch. "That's a tool for us to market the position but, I also think it's a valuable process for us to go through because when we talk to candidates we can speak intelligently about the town."

Selectman Jon Waterman was curious and asked Lynch, "Is the position relatively attractive (to applicants)?"



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"Some people like small towns," said Lynch. "I try to see the silver lining behind every community. ... We try to put this together in a way that would appeal to a candidate." Lynch said often the area's amenities, cultural institutions, and prospects of a spouse finding work in their field attract candidates. "This particular area of Massachusetts, I think, has an appeal," said Lynch.

The board knows why they love Marion and the surrounding Southcoast, but Marion – the small town with big issues – is not without its challenges, which Lynch asked selectmen to list in order to get a better idea of Marion's needs in a new town administrator.

Water, sewer, digitizing town records... "Town infrastructure really is our key challenge," said Board of Selectmen Chairman Norm Hills.

"Money, money, and money," Waterman said, pointing to Proposition 2 ½ as an obstacle to funding much of Marion's needs. "Followed by more money," interjected Hills. "Right now we're in a big go-around with our wastewater treatment plant."

"That's why experience in wastewater treatment management is important," Waterman said.

Also, as Hills pointed out, the Town is just about to address imminent climate change effects and the town's sustainability and ability to adapt.

"Sounds like it's going to take a certain person and a little 'packaging,'" Waterman said about the position. And it is uncertain if one of the candidates would be an internal candidate, Dawson suggested.

The board tossed around some qualities the right person would possess for the job, including one who is a good communicator, knowledgeable in municipal processes, and someone perhaps "a little bit ahead of us" in technology, said Waterman. Experience and interest in solid waste and recycling management is a big one, Hills

said.

"And no doubt strong – I mean really strong capital planning background and implementation all around," said Dawson, "because there are so many moving parts here. ... There has to be a lot of time managing and budgeting how you're gonna fit the pieces of this puzzle together."

The way Lynch screens applicants is by funneling resumes into categories: qualified, not qualified, and a third category, "interesting."

"Some of them might not have experience in the position, maybe they're department heads ... but somebody you should look at," Lynch said.

The selectmen had already chosen to appoint a hiring committee to review candidates Lynch will screen and present, which has been condensed from a seven-member committee into a committee of five – one selectman, one department head, and three citizens. Lynch will also attend the meetings, but not as a voting committee member.

The holidays have inadvertently set the Town back in its progress of the search process that could take as long as 16 weeks – about a couple weeks beyond the time current Town Administrator Paul Dawson will remain in his position until he retires on March 15.

"We've done it in 12," said Lynch, "but I don't think we could do it in less than 10."

Lynch estimates that he would have a candidate profile to present by mid-January and accept resumes until mid-February. Hiring committee meetings would start shortly after and begin interviews the first week of March, with the Board of Selectmen to make a final selection during the week of March 18. If the candidate were currently a town administrator, it would take another 30 days for them to provide their current town



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“So you would have someone on May 1,” said Lynch – just in time to present the new hire to the community during the proposed May 13 Annual Town Meeting.

Lynch said he would also be interviewing town employees and members of the administration to gauge the type of town administrator they would prefer to work with.

“The first thing they’ll say is we don’t want a micromanager,” said Lynch. “No one wants a micromanager.” Although, Hills pointed out, some among the Board of Selectmen could be considered “micromanagers.”

“Sounds like we have some interesting work ahead of us,” said Lynch.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen is tentatively scheduled for January 8 at 4:30 pm, either at the Marion Police Station or the Marion Town House.

Sippican School Principal Announces Retirement

By Jean Perry

Sippican School Principal Evelyn Rivet announced on December 20 that she would retire at the end of the school year.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your children with me,” Rivet said in a letter she sent to parents on Friday. “...[I]t has been a special blessing in the knowledge that I truly loved my job. Each day, it was my goal to make a positive impact on the learning experience of each child. I am thankful for knowing each of you and your children and will carry many special memories forward into this next exciting chapter of my life.”

Rivet has been an educator for over 30 years, with 19 of them spent at Sippican School. She entered the Sippican School community in 2000, serving as a reading teacher and in 2009 she was appointed as temporary interim principal until her appointment in 2011 making her permanent principal.





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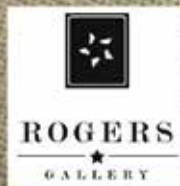
By Nick Friar

Old Rochester Regional High School girls basketball has taken advantage of every opportunity in the early going, heading into the holiday break with a 4-0 record. The Bulldogs' most recent win came over Durfee in a 56-37 effort to follow up from their 60-46 win over Dartmouth.

One thing that's helped Old Rochester Regional separate itself from the rest of the pack is the Bulldogs'

balanced offense. Nine Bulldogs scored in the win over Dartmouth, eight in the victory against Durfee. Furthermore, the top scorers weren't the same in either contest. **Maggie Brogioli** scored 13 in the win over Dartmouth, with **Logan Fernandes** adding in 11. **Ashley Soares** led the way with 15 against Durfee, while **Meg Horan** finished second on the team with eight points.

A big reason for the well-spread scoring is Brogioli, Fernandes, and **Annie Perry**—who scored six against Dartmouth and five against Durfee—have all made major contributions as freshmen. So not only are the Bulldogs succeeding in the here and now with players like



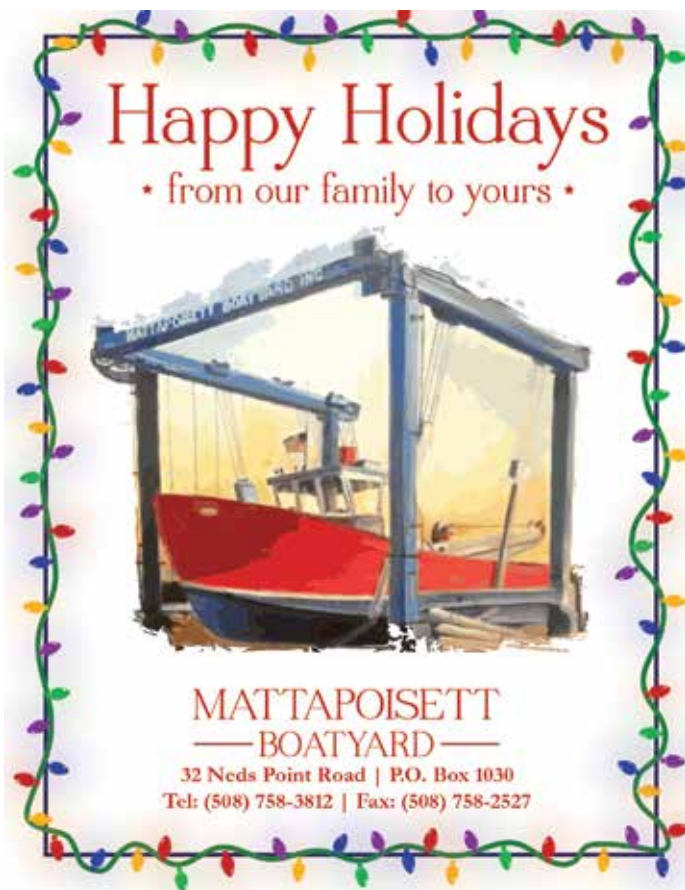
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Meg Hughes, Mary Butler, and others serving as stable veterans, but they are also establishing a foundation for the future.

"You forget they're freshmen," Old Rochester Regional girls basketball coach Bob Hohne said after the win over Dartmouth. "That's a nice problem to have. Our bench is deep."

The Bulldogs put their 4-0 record to the test on the road against Seekonk on Friday at 6:30 pm.

ORR boys basketball took care of business against Fairhaven in its last matchup before the holiday break, winning 56-53.

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Matt Brogioli had a strong night in the scoring column and on the glass, finishing one rebound shy of a double-double, scoring 17 points to go with nine rebounds. Sam Hartley-Matteson finished second in scoring for Old Rochester Regional, but did log a double-double by scoring 14 points and grabbing 10 boards.

However, ORR boys basketball coach Steve Carvalho felt the Bulldogs could have done more to avoid the tight finish."

"Our defense on the last two possessions (won it)," Carvalho said. "We played a sloppy game with too many turnovers."

Regardless, the Bulldogs improved to 2-1 and tip off again when they host Seekonk on Friday at 6:30 pm.

Old Colony

Unfortunately for Old Colony boys basketball, weather forced a cancellation in the Cougars' last contest, with rain seeping into the gym in the game against Tri-County on Friday.

"We did everything we could," Old Colony boys basketball coach Matt Trahan said. "We put down rugs: we put fans on it. We were able to get through the (first) half, but people were just sliding all over the floor."

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But it wasn't a leak in the ceiling. It was rain tracked in from the spectators' wet shoes.

"It just all ended up in the gym," Trahan said. "I've never seen anything like that in all my years."

However, the last matchup the Cougars were able to finish off, ended in a 72-62 win over Diman where two players combined for 55 points, while two others picked up the remaining 17.

Jake Jason went 20 for 21 from the free-throw line, playing a major role in his 34-point performance. **Zach Soucy** logged 21 for the Cougars, making two three-pointers—a total Jason also matched.

"I think we put him in a situation where we could isolate him and let him do work," Trahan said on Jason's performance at the three-point line. "They didn't have much of an answer for him getting to the basket."

Joel Cortez scored 11 and led Old Colony with three three-pointers, while **Hunter Soares** chipped in six.

Old Colony (2-0) gets back to work after the New Year and takes a trip to Norfolk Aggie on January 4 at 5:00 pm.

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Music Department performed another wonderful concert for a full auditorium on Wednesday night, December 19. Congratulations were abundant for musicians in the Jazz Band, 7th-grade Band, 8th-grade Band, and the Chorus.

Angie Vaughn, the chorus director, maintained the high standard of performance that her musicians consistently achieve. Band Director Richard Laprise, now in his second year at the Junior High School, started off the evening with the Jazz Band which had everyone's toes tapping.

The highlight of the night was when the 7th-grade and the 8th-grade bands were joined on the stage by local professional musician and educator Tobias Monte. Monte, a professor of music at UMass Dartmouth, gave clinics and performed two solos with the bands as part of a grant funded by the Tri-Town Education Foundation.

"It is rare for musicians of this age to get the opportunity to perform alongside a professional musician and they rose to the occasion," said Laprise. "I am extremely proud of their hard work."

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The young musicians of Rochester Memorial School 'Decked the Halls' and then played to a colorfully dressed audience of students, staff, and parents on Thursday, December 20.

Choral Music teacher Sue Audette encouraged everyone to sing along and the joyful sound was enough to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Meanwhile, the 5th and 6th grade band played "The Star Spangled Banner", "Christmas Chimes", "Pat-a-Pan Processional", and "Frosty the Snowman."

The Jazz Band played "Blue Train" and "Jingle Jazz."

"We are very proud of our young musicians at RMS!" said Christine Williamson, the Instrumental Music teacher at Rochester Memorial School.

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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

I read with interest the item in the Wanderer of

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Gary started his career in 1982 working with Benco Security in Acushnet MA. In 1986 he joined All Security Company Inc. as an installer/technician. Gary began moving up within the organization and was the General Manager when All Security was sold in November 2015. In January 2018 Gary joined Wayne Electric & Alarms and has quickly become an invaluable asset to our organization. His vast knowledge and superb customer service skills have exceeded our expectations.

Mike St. Pierre started his career with All Security Company Inc. in 1998 as an inside mechanical security service rep. His experience with locks, access control systems, video security technology and intrusion detection has proven to also be an asset to Wayne Electric & Alarms. He is also an on-call firefighter for the Town of Dartmouth.

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the proposed Citizens Petition for Cannabis Ban Article which "prohibition would include establishments that sell, distribute, cultivate, process or package cannabis in any form." However, one should consider that deaths associated with marijuana use are negligible compared with the estimated annual 88,000 deaths associated with the use of alcohol and 480,000 deaths associated with smoking tobacco. It would seem reasonable for the restrictions on tobacco and alcohol to be made equally strict as any placed on cannabis.

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To the Editor:

The historic seaside Inn in Mattapoisett has had several owners and we remember some of the finest. When the Goddus owned it, you could always depend on fine dining. Irving Bookstein was famous for his prime rib. The music was tasteful and piano sing-alongs were common. And who can forget the great duo of Couto and Mulligan?

Today, however, the Inn is not known for either fine dining or tasteful piano music. After 10:00 pm, the amplified music is deafening and several neighbors have called the police department to complain.

We were 46-year residents of Mattapoisett and ran the original Mattapoisett Chowder House and the Fairhaven Chowder House so we know and understand how necessary rules must be followed. Liquor licenses are dependent on following all of the Selectmens' rules.

Shame on the Mattapoisett Selectmen and the police department. How have you let the Inn continue with this obnoxious noise when several people have complained? With all of these neighbors complaints how can you continue to approve it's liquor license and it's entertainment license? Has the Inn ever been issued a warning?

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We challenge the selectmen and the police department to do their jobs. Is there over-serving of alcohol as well? From the noise generated, it would seem so. The ABCC board would be interested in that!

This Inn is located in a high-end residential neighborhood. Therefore, the amplified music should stop at 10:00 pm and it should be closed at a reasonable hour. Why does it have to be open until 1:00 am when most other restaurants are closed earlier? After 10:00 pm it's a CLUB and the patrons are not Mattapoissett's finest.
Patricia & Robert Clarkson
Deerfield Beach, FL

Academic Achievements

Isabella King, a Marion native, qualified for the Fall 2018 dean's list at **Belmont University**. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Sippican Historical Society

In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. The survey was funded one-half



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by the Sippican Historical Society and one-half by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Due to the limits of funding, not all of the historic buildings were surveyed, but over 100 were catalogued and photographed.

The results of the survey are in digital form on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website and in four binders in the Sippican Historical Society's office (and at the Marion Town Clerk's office).

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. The Sippican Historical Society

will preview one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This installment features 72 Water Street. The Green House at 72 Water Street is a Queen Anne- and Shingle-style residence

built around 1890 for George U. Crocker, an attorney and treasurer for the City of Boston. He resided in this house until 1920.



Machacam Club Meeting

The January meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **January 2**. We meet at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time begins at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, and our speaker will begin his presentation at 6:45 pm. Chef Colby has planned an elegant meat loaf dinner with locally grown beef provided by Bob Martin. Again, this is a soup to nuts dinner that we know will satisfy your appetite! Our own Michael Botelho is our speaker for the evening. Always entertaining. Callers please transmit your counts for dinner to 508-758-1326 or email to cwmccullough@comcast.net.

Sippican Choral Society Begins

The Sippican Choral Society resumes rehearsals on Monday, **January 7** at 7:15 pm at Wickenden Chapel on the Tabor Academy campus in Marion. New members are welcome to join the chorus simply by coming to the first

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Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:30 pm every Monday evening, but singers are asked to arrive by 7:15 pm for the first rehearsal in order to register and receive music. Please be aware that there is a registration fee of \$35 (cash or check) to be paid the first rehearsal in order to receive music. All voices are welcome and tenors are especially encouraged to sing with the chorus this year.

In addition, the chorus would like to invite young people still in high school and college to join us as well. As always, everyone who has sung with the chorus in past years will be welcomed back.

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The chorus is under the direction of Darry Dolezal with Michelle Gordon of Mattapoisett as accompanist. The group performs at least two concerts every year, singing the works of the world's great composers, as well as contemporary music.

For further information about singing with the Sippican Choral Society this year, please leave a message for Nancy Sparklin at 508-763-2327. For more information, visit our website at www.sippicanchoralsociety.org.

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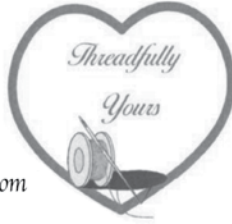
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Lands Trust (SLT) for its first walk in 2019 on Tuesday, **January 1** at noon at SLT's White Eagle property at Aucoot Woods. The Sippican Lands Trust will celebrate its 45th Anniversary in 2019 and this walk will be one of many walks and special programs throughout the year. Alan Harris, Sippican Lands Trust's Board President, will lead the New Year's Day Walk again in 2019.

The event will begin at our White Eagle Property kiosk. White Eagle is located off of Route 6 in Marion. Take Parlowtown Road across from the town cemetery and follow road until you reach the cul-de-sac. Bear left onto the dirt road and follow past the abandoned

cranberry bog on your right. Parking is available directly past the bog and along the dirt roadside. The kiosk is a short walk beyond.

The walk is free and no registration is required. If more than two inches of snow are on the ground, then the walk will be canceled. If the walk is canceled due to inclement weather or more than two inches of snow on the ground, then information will be posted to SLT's website and Facebook page. For directions or further information visit sippicanlandstrust.org or call Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080.

Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center (MAC) announces new hours beginning in 2019. The Marion Art Center will be closed December 23 through January 7, 2019. New Winter/Spring Hours are as follows: Tue-Wed: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Thurs: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Fri-Sat: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Sun-Mon: closed.

Join us as we welcome the new season with the opening reception for our Winter Members' Show on Friday, **January 11**, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. All current MAC members are invited to participate in the exhibition. Drop-off date for work is Tuesday, January 8 from 10:00

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Auditions will be held on Saturday, **January 5** at 10:00 am and on Monday, **January 7** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Art Center, 80 Pleasant St. (the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets), in Marion. Performances will be Friday, March 15, 2019 through Sunday, March 17 and Thursday, March 21 through Saturday, March 23. The Sunday performance will start at 2:00 pm and all other performances will start at 7:30 pm.

Director Kate Fishman will be casting five females and ten males with several roles as guests and servants for anyone wanting to start in theater without a heavy responsibility. Actors should read ages near real age,

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between seventeen through fifties, with one male role who will read in his eighties.

Auditions will consist of a cold reading from the script, which can be accessed on www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/7986.

No prior acting experience is necessary; both accomplished and aspiring actors are encouraged to audition. Participants can expect 2-3 rehearsals a week during January, February, and early March. Rehearsal scheduling will be flexible and take actors needs into consideration.

Director Kate Fishman states, "I'm also looking for volunteers for stage manager, set builders, and other tech help, so please contact the Marion Art Center if you'd like to be part of this production. We'd love to hear from you!"

For more information, email mactheater1957@gmail.com. You will also find information by visiting our website www.marionartcenter.org.

Bikeway Presentation

The Unitarian Universalist (UU) Men's Fellowship in partnership with the South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) is sponsoring a presentation on the impact of rails-to-trails bike paths and an update on upcoming plans for the South Coast Bikeway. The keynote presenter will be rails-to-trails advocate Craig Della Penna, to be followed by a conversation with regional bicycling supporters and experts. The free event will be held on Wednesday, **January 9** at 7:00 PM at the Fairhaven Unitarian Universalist (UU) Memorial Church Auditorium (102 Green ST, Fairhaven, MA, 02719).

Craig Della Penna, well known to the South Coast, will give a high-energy presentation on the history of the rails-to-trails movement, its tie-in to both the South Coast and Cape Cod, and recent developments that are

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All who have an interest in pathways for recreation, alternative transportation, promotion of tourism, and economic development on the South Coast are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event. Pre-registration is appreciated. Go to www.southcoastbikeway.com and click on "events calendar":

For further information contact Dave Chevalier at dchevy5@aol.com or SCBA at thesouthcoastbikeway@gmail.com.

Tabor to Host Arts, Athletics, & Innovation Showcase

On **January 19**, Tabor Academy will host their annual winter open house that has typically focused on Arts and Athletics. This year, they are adding innovation to the list of programs hoping to provide an opportunity for prospective families to continue learning about Tabor.

"Tabor is well-known for our strong programs in arts, music, and athletics, but we hoped to shine a spotlight on another area of our program that we are less publicly known for, our burgeoning Maker's Lab. Over the last few years, our courses in engineering and computer science have made the Maker Lab a hub of activity and innovation, and one of our most

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popular offerings," said Kerry Saltonstall, Director of Communications.

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Director of Enrollment Marketing Laura Burgess added, "Learning about the programs and the people who will be part of your experience outside the classroom is an essential component of the secondary school search process. Often, students are able to maximize their success and experience within the classroom when their experience in all other aspects of their life on campus is happy and filled with robust opportunities and strong mentorship and friendship. This is why this event is so important to our school and why we look forward to it every year."

Join other interested families on **January 19** in the Stroud Academic Center, 242 Front Street, Marion. Registration begins at 12:00 pm. Come see what might pique your interest at Tabor.

See the schedule and register here: www.taboracademy.org/page/arts-athletics-and-innovation-showcase.

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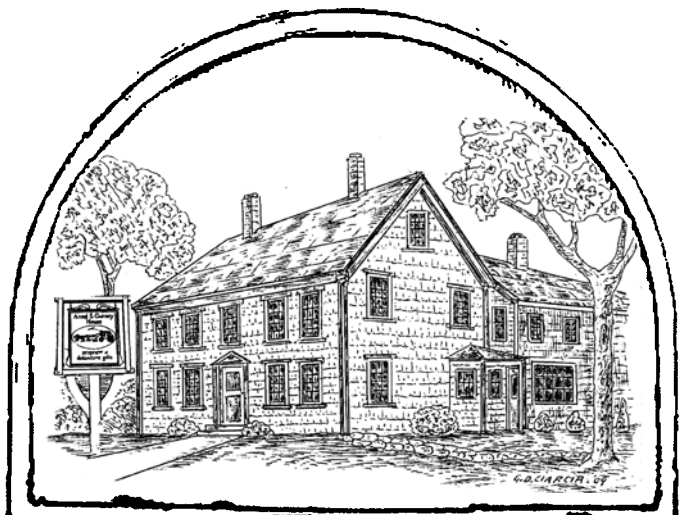
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If you question your child's development in any of these areas, please contact Robin Mobley in the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863 or email robinmobley@oldrochester.org for further information or to schedule a screening appointment.

Wareham Community Engagement Initiative

The Wareham Community Engagement Initiative (WCEI), a community-run initiative founded by members of the Church of the Good Shepherd, would like to take a moment to express our appreciation for the support of our community and to give a quick update on our work. Over the past two years, WCEI has come together, asked questions of our community and engaged in volunteer activities. You may remember us through the many surveys we took of the Wareham community in 2017, looking for what people thought we could do to make Wareham a stronger and healthier community. Through this process, the citizens, leaders, and children whom we've spent time with have blown us away; the quality of character and level of passion and dedication that defines Wareham (and our amazing neighbors) is remarkable. What a special community we have here.

Based on the survey we conducted, the objective of our Initiative has become "until all children in Wareham have the support they need to succeed." We truly believe that relationship building between our diverse group of volunteers and children, grounded by a common goal of achieving success, yields a powerful impact on the community as a whole. This year, we are humbled by the relationships we've been able to build. In September of 2018, we began working with the incredible Vicky White and the children at Brandy Hill with a club called Homework Heroes. Every Tuesday afternoon, members of WCEI and our community volunteers meet with Vicky and the children of Brandy Hill to work on homework, practice flash cards, do word searches, and simply chat and enjoy each other's company. We've spent time with the Brandy Hill community barbecuing, playing

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MON DEC 24

**CHRISTMAS
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TUE DEC 25

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WED DEC 26

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10-11:30AM \$10

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OBITUARIES



Barbara F. (Phillips) Bauer, 95, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully on Tuesday December 18, 2018 at Sacred Heart Home. She was the wife of the late Joseph A. Bauer.

Born in Mattapoisett, the daughter of the late Thomas O. and Ella M. (Vaughan) Phillips, she lived in Mattapoi-

sett all of her life.

Mrs. Bauer was formerly employed as a cafeteria cook at Old Rochester Regional High School for many years until her retirement.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and socializing with her friends at the coffee shop before her illness.

She is survived by her daughter, Gail M. Nicholson and her husband William "Nick" of Mattapoisett; a son, Martin J. "Mickey" Bauer, II of Gilroy, CA; a brother, Wayne B. Phillips of Crestline, CA; a grandson, Daniel Gill of Providence, RI; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Earle Phillips, Sr., Robert Phillips, and Thomas O. Phillips, Jr.

The family would like to thank the staff of Sacred Heart Home and Community Nurse Home Care for their care and kindness extended to Barbara during her illness.

A graveside service was held on Friday December 21, 2018 at Pine Island Cemetery, Route 6, Mattapoisett.

Visiting hours were omitted. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Sacred Heart Home, 359 Summer St., New Bedford, MA 02740 or Community Nurse Home Care, 62 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Damen Jeremie Hooper, 22, of Mattapoisett passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2018. He was born on November 26, 1996 to Kimberly (Prince) Joseph and Jeremie Hooper in Manchester, New Hampshire. Damen spent his early years in Manchester, New Hampshire and moved to Mattapoisett, Massachusetts when he was six. He graduated from Old Rochester High

School in Mattapoisett, MA in 2015.

Damen will be so dearly missed by everyone that knew him. We will always remember his infectious smile and his loving caring personality. He was the kind of young man that anyone would be proud to call son, brother, grandson, and friend. Damen recently found fulfilling work in the art of plastering and embraced it with every cell of his body. He was so proud of his work that it was contagious and felt by all who knew him well. He was a quiet, gentle soul who loved spending time with his girlfriend at the beach and watching

The Office.

Loved ones that will miss Damen are: his parents, Kim (Prince) Joseph, Jean Claude Joseph and Jeremie Hooper; his sister Annouk Joseph; his brother Emile Joseph; his brother Nolan James Cavanaugh; his grandparents Suzanne (Fauteux) Prince, Mark Prince, Myrtha Joseph; Diane Hooper; and the love of his life Brooke Elizabeth Sweet and her loving family. Others who will miss him are his aunts, uncles and numerous cousins and dear friends.

Visiting hours were held on Friday, December 21, 2018 at Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at St. Anthony's Church at 22 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. Burial followed in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

The family is asking in lieu of flowers donations in Damen's memory be made to High Point Treatment Center (hptc.org). High Point Treatment Center's (HPTC) mission is to prevent and treat chemical dependency and provide therapeutic services for mental health issues. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



William J. "Billy" Gaspar, age 73, of Marion, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 17, 2018 at Tobey Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of the late Frank "Gene" and Elsie (Brazil) Gaspar.

Billy loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed long rides, sightseeing, music, watching television and keeping things in place at the Marion House. He was happiest when drinking a cup of Dunkin Donuts coffee.

He is survived by a sister, Eileen D. Fenton of Dartmouth; two nieces, Brenda Lopes and her husband John of Dartmouth and Donna Simpson and her husband Kenneth of Fall River; two nephews, Thomas Fenton and his wife Erin of Dartmouth and Russell Fenton and his wife Karen of Acushnet; several great nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Billy's extended family at the Marion House. His funeral service was held on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at the Waring-Sullivan Home at Dartmouth, 230 Russell's Mills Road, Dartmouth followed by his funeral mass at St. Mary's Church, 783 Dartmouth St, Dartmouth. Burial was at St. John's Cemetery. Visitation was held on Friday. In lieu of flowers please make a contribution in Billy's name to a charity of your choice. To leave a note of condolence: www.waring-sullivan.com

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outdoors, holiday gift shopping, decorating a tree and verbalizing wishes for our community and the world. The children even prepared a wonderful Thanksgiving meal for the volunteers simply to say thank you.

We want to thank every one of our team members and volunteers, our community and partners, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal City Mission, The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, Vicky White, and the beautiful children of Brandy Hill. We could not have achieved our success without your time, honest opinions, heart and dedication. We are excited to continue working with the community of Wareham and Brandy

Hill in 2019! If you'd like to learn more about the work we're doing, become a volunteer, or participate in a youth developmental asset training, please reach out to Kelly at wcei.wareham@gmail.com or call the Church at 508-295-2840. Everyone is welcome and appreciated.

Family Black Light Yoga Party

On Wednesday, **January 9** at 6:00 pm, The Encompass Community at Friends Academy, 1088 Tucker Road in North Dartmouth, will host a Family Black Light Yoga Party for children and parents. This event is free and open to the public.



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OBITUARIES



Armand Teixeira, 80, of Mattapoisett died December 18, 2018 after a long illness.

He was the husband of Evelyn (Croteau) Teixeira for 55 years.

Born and raised in New Bedford, son of the late Joaquim and Aurora (Gomes) Teixeira, he lived in Mattapoisett most of his life. Mr. Teixeira was a com-

municant of St. Anthony's Church.

He was formerly employed as a carpenter in Mattapoisett for over 35 years until his retirement.

He served in the U.S. Army after the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife; 2 daughters, Paula Soroka and her husband Joseph of Acushnet and Jennifer Aguiar and her husband Ricardo of Mattapoisett; 2 grandchildren, Felicia and Chaz Aguiar; a sister, Laura Rusinoski of Mattapoisett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Mario Teixeira, Antonio "Tony" Teixeira, Ida Gomez and Elsie Rego.

The family would like to thank the PCU and CCU staff at St. Luke's Hospital who provided professional and compassionate care for Armand.

His Funeral was held on Monday from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, followed by his Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church. Burial followed in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Sunday. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Armand's name to a charity of your choice. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Jane S. Bogins, 93, of Stuart, FL, formerly of Marion, MA died Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Morton Hospital in Taunton, MA. She was the wife of the late Henry E. Bogins.

Born in Rumford, ME, she was the daughter of the late Edward H. and Wilhelmina (Mowat) Paterson. Previously living in Dorchester, Stoughton and Millis,

Mrs. Bogins lived in Marion for many years and worked as an administrative assistant in the Marion Town House as well as a teacher at Seaside School. After her retirement, she moved with her husband, Henry, to Weirs Beach, NH, then to Hutchinson Island, FL. For the past 3 years her residence was in Stuart, FL. For many years, with her husband, she summered at their cottage in Heartland ME, enjoying the beauty of Maine on Morrill Pond with family and friends.

Along with her husband, Mrs. Bogins travelled around the country by recreational vehicle. Together they visited every state in the US as well as parts of Canada and Mexico. In addition, in their spare time they enjoyed boating, tennis and golfing. After the passing of her husband, Henry,

she began volunteering at the Cardiac Center at Martin Memorial Hospital in Stuart, FL. She was never without a book to read and loved to sing.

Jane was a proud and patriotic American with deep roots in her Scottish heritage. Many family members considered her the Matriarch of the Paterson Clan. During her life, she regularly maintained contact with her relatives in Scotland. After the passing of her husband, she traveled to Saint Andrews and Edinburgh, with her son, to visit relatives and learn more about the history of the Paterson Clan. That information was proudly shared with anyone in the family who had an interest.

She is survived by her children, William H. Bogins and his companion, Cheryl A. Reis of Franklin, Gloria H. Bogins of Marion and Paula J. Schaaf of Port St. Lucie, FL; her grandchildren, Courtney A. Bogins, Kristi L. Bogins, Lisajane Rossi, and Paul H. Rossi. Also surviving are 6 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son in law Paul A. Schaaf, her grandson, Philip N. Rossi, Jr. as well as her sister, Mary Elrick Minott (Paterson) and three brothers, James R., Edward J. and William A. Paterson.

Her memorial service will be held on Sat., Dec. 29, 2018 at the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., (Rt. 28), Wareham at 1 pm. Relatives and friends may arrive and visit from 12:30 pm to 1 pm prior to the service. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Marion.

Donations in her memory may be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, PO Box 515, Northampton MA 01061-0515 or via their website <https://www.macular.org/how-donate>.

Edmond P Patnaude, 70, of Rochester passed away on Friday December 14, 2018 at Charlton Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was born in Fairhaven, son of the late Edmond and Mary (Murphy) Patnaude.

Ed leaves behind his wife Leith (Liebman) Patnaude with whom he celebrated over 44 years of marriage; his brother and sister in law, Kent & Jeannette Liebman of Meadow Vista, California and his beloved rescue cats Bo and Sparky.

Ed worked as an IT specialist designing and implementing computer programs at several banks and companies in the Northeast including UPS, Northeast Federal Credit Union and Hussey's. One of Ed's passions was auto crossing and he won several events in Southern NH.

Ed loved being with nature and he and his wife Leith spend many hours watching and feeding the birds, deer and other assorted wild life that congregated in their yard.

His memorial service will be held at the Long Plain Baptist Church in Acushnet Mass at 1:00 pm on December 30th. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Friends of Joseph H Plumb Memorial Library at 17 Con-

The event will be a fun and exuberant evening of yoga, music, dancing, face-painting, and joy in the spirit of togetherness. No experience with yoga is necessary.

This event will be facilitated by Jennifer Potter, a 200-hour registered Yoga instructor and Certified Buti Yoga Facilitator. Potter is an Encompass Team Member who facilitates the organization's family yoga classes for playgroups meeting at Friends Academy. She is also the founder of South Coast Mamas and Babies, a local non-profit serving parents and children.

Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

Please register for this event at:
encompasscommunityforindependentlearning.campbrainregistration.com/

For more information, contact egouveia@friendsacademy1810.org. The Encompass Community is a grant-funded initiative of the Center For Education Innovation. They are located on 65 acres of wilderness at Friends Academy in Dartmouth, Ma. They offer enrichment and resources to homeschool families and life-long learners of all ages.

Town Administrator Search Committee

The Marion Board of Selectmen seeks interested volunteers to serve on the Town Administrator Search Committee, an advisory Board whose members will participate in making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen during their search for a Town Administrator.

Applications to serve are available at the Board of Selectmen office and on the Town of Marion website. Please submit a letter of interest or completed application by Friday, **December 28** to the Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Showstoppers to Offer One Last Holiday Concert

The Showstoppers community-service singing troupe is offering one last performance of their 2018 Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 30** at 2:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus on Rte 6 in Mattapoisett. The show will include traditional and non-traditional selections performed by this talented troupe of local singers and special guests. The show is sure to please audience members of all ages! Admission is a suggested \$5 donation to help cover the expenses of this all volunteer-run nonprofit organization. They will also be collecting non-perishable food items to help restock local food pantries that go bare after the holidays. The Showstoppers has been bringing live musical entertainment to nursing homes, senior centers, and healthcare facilities as well as providing entertainment at community fairs, fundraisers, and civic events throughout the area since 2002. For more information, call 508-758-4525 or email kzucco@comcast.net. Follow them on Facebook for regular updates on their activities: www.facebook.com/showstoppers.us/.

OBITUARIES

stitution Way, P.O. Box 69, Rochester, MA 02770.



Patricia J. (Angus) Valatkevicz, 75, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2018, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer. A native of Brockton, she was a 1961 graduate of Brockton High School. There she met her high school sweetheart and future husband William. Patricia was a home health aide for Anodyne for many years, she loved the work she did with the elderly and they loved her. She loved the beach, as it was her happy place, especially Harbor Beach in Mattapoisett and Manasota Key in Englewood, Florida. She also loved flower gardening. Patricia was the beloved wife of William V. Valatkevicz for 56 years; loving

mother of Kim Roche of Hudson and Dena Heidt of Middleboro; grandmother of William Roche (and Mae) and Alexis Heidt; great-grandmother of Ellie and Maddie; sister of the late Helen Roberge and her late husband Robert; and an aunt of Richard, Susan, Amy, Leah, William, Kathy, Donna and Michael. Private family funeral. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Southcoast VNA in MA & RI www.southcoast.org/visiting-nurse-association/donate. Visit www.waittfuneralhome.com or call 508-583-7272.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING

Check www.orctv.org for the latest updates to the schedule.



PUBLIC ACCESS

Comcast Channel 9

Verizon Channel 36

Thursday December 27, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
9:00 AM The Yoga Mat
9:30 AM Health Source
10:00 AM Cape Cod Ragtime Festival
11:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:30 AM Wicked Good Food
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM J9 on 9
3:00 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
4:00 PM Transgender Rights with Chuck McIntyre
4:30 PM Garage X
5:00 PM Legal Ease
5:30 PM The Opioid Epidemic
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Classic-Drive TV
7:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - David Pierce
9:00 PM Beyond Boston
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Money Matters TV
10:30 PM Science 360
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Friday December 28, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Health Source
8:00 AM 30 Medical Minutes
8:30 AM Southcoast Matters
9:00 AM Yoga for Health
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Cape Conversation
10:30 AM Pete on the Street
11:00 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM The Steve Katsos Show
2:00 PM Zen Conversation
2:30 PM Eastern Bank Financial Advice
3:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
3:30 PM Woman to Woman Today
4:00 PM Marion Art Center : "Art"
5:00 PM The Kamla Show
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Mass Shootings/Conversation with psychiatrist Stephen Dolins
7:00 PM Duke of Sports
8:00 PM What an Autistic Has to Say with Chuck McIntyre

9:30 PM Words on Film

10:30 PM Gay USA

11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday December 29, 2018

8:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM What's new? Massachusetts
9:30 AM Fak'd 8 TV News
10:00 AM The O! Melodious! Show
10:30 AM Falmouth in Focus
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:30 AM Mass Shooting/Conversation with Psychiatrist Stephen Dolins
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM New England Authors
1:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM J9 on 9
3:00 PM Science 360
3:30 PM The World Fusion Show
4:00 PM Transgender Rights with Chuck McIntyre
4:30 PM Carpe Diem
5:00 PM Read, Rant, Repeat
5:30 PM Money Matters TV
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Classic-Drive TV
7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - David Pierce
9:00 PM Arts Alive Holiday Special
10:00 PM Duke of Sports
11:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday December 30, 2018

6:00 AM Veterans Voice
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester - December 16, 2018
10:00 AM Health Talk
10:30 AM Health Source
11:00 AM Cape Conversation
11:30 AM Mass Shooting/Conversation with Psychiatrist Stephen Dolins
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cape Cod Ragtime Festival
2:00 PM Zen Conversation
2:30 PM Eastern Bank Financial Advice
3:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
4:00 PM Marion Art Center : "Art"
5:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM MIAA Division 6 State Championship - ORR vs Stoneham
8:00 PM What an Autistic Has to Say with Chuck McIntyre
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles
10:30 PM Sound Off
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Monday December 31, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Seniors on the Move
9:00 AM The Yoga Mat
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Holiday Mental Health
10:30 AM Beyond My Crisis
11:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:30 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM The Steve Katsos Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM J9 on 9
3:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
3:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
4:00 PM Transgender Rights with Chuck McIntyre
4:30 PM The O! Melodious! Show
5:00 PM Don't Dis My Ability
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Classic-Drive TV
7:00 PM Words on Film
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - David Pierce
9:00 PM The Opioid Epidemic - Addiction Treatment in Jail
9:30 PM This is America & The World - Musical Diplomacy
10:00 PM Racism in America
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday January 1, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM 30 Medical Minutes
8:00 AM Health Talk
8:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM Yoga for Health
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:30 AM Cape Conversation
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
1:30 PM Garage X
2:00 PM The Zen Conversation
2:30 PM Eastern Bank Financial Advice
3:00 PM Sound Off
4:00 PM Marion Art Center : "Art" Play
5:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Playhouse Theatre
7:00 PM Beyond My Crisis
7:30 PM Mass Shootings/Conversation with psychiatrist Stephen Dolins
8:00 PM What an Autistic Has to Say with Chuck McIntyre
9:30 PM Money Matters TV

10:00 PM Science 360

10:30 PM The First Christmas

11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday January 2, 2018

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Southcoast Matters
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM The Yoga Mat
9:30 AM Marijuana on Mental Health
10:00 AM Physician Focus
10:30 AM Stress in America (Part 1)
11:00 AM Stress in America (Part 2)
11:30 AM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers - Therapeutic Bodywork
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM This is America & The World : Mohammed Al-Hadrami
1:30 PM Deutsch Welles Global Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM J9 on 9
3:00 PM Cape Cod Ragtime Festival
4:00 PM Transgender Rights with Chuck McIntyre
4:30 PM The Opioid Epidemic
5:00 PM Marian Medal Award Ceremony
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Classic-Drive TV
7:00 PM Duke of Sports
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - David Pierce
9:00 PM Kamla Show
9:30 PM Gay USA
10:30 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 39

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Planning Board - December 17, 2018
7:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission - December 12, 2018
9:30 AM Marion Board of Selectman - December 12, 2018
11:00 AM Marion Planning Board - December 5, 2018
12:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission - November 28, 2018
2:00 PM Marion Planning Board - November 5, 2018
5:00 PM Marion Planning Board - December 17, 2018
5:30 PM Marion Planning Board - December 5, 2018
7:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission - December 12, 2018
9:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - December 12, 2018

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - December 18, 2018
8:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - December 13, 2018
9:00 AM Rochester Special Town Meeting - November 19, 2018
10:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 20, 2018
1:00 PM Rochester School Committee - November 15, 2018
2:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 7, 2018
3:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - November 8, 2018
5:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - November 5, 2018
5:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - December 18, 2018
6:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - December 13, 2018
7:30 PM Rochester Special Town Meeting - November 19, 2018
9:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - November 20, 2018

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 97

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR Football vs Case - October 19, 2018
9:30 AM ORR Football vs Bishop Stang - October 26, 2018
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM MIAA Division 6 State Championship 2018 - ORR vs Stoneham
2:00 PM ORR Football vs Ashland - November 9, 2018
4:00 PM OC Volleyball vs Diman - October 22, 2018
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphony Orchestra Concert - December 9, 2018
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORRHS Winter Concert - December 12, 2018
8:00 PM Old Hammondtown Winter Concert - December 11, 2018
8:30 PM ORR Football vs Apponequet - November 21, 2018

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

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Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, a member of Lions International - the world's largest service club organization consisting of 45,000 clubs and more than 1.3 million members world-wide, is pleased to announce the availability of two (2) - \$2,500 scholarships to be awarded this year to a graduating high school senior or home-schooled student residing in Mattapoisett, Marion, or Rochester.

To qualify, a graduating student or home-schooled student shall be accepted to and intending to attend their first year of a recognized institution of higher education, must be a resident of the Tri-Town area, and have demonstrated service to the community.

To obtain an application, learn more about this Award, or to learn how to become a member of the Lions Club visit our website www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org Award applications are also available through the guidance department at your high school.

Applications must be received by **March 23, 2019**.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Firefighters in Rochester rescued Murphy the dog from the icy waters off of Sarah Sherman Road after straying from his family and falling through the thin ice on December 20. Firefighter Jeff Eldridge mounted an ice sled and headed 300 feet across the frozen pond to reach Murphy. The two were then pulled to land and Murphy was promptly taken to the ambulance. Pictured here, Murphy is warmed up by RFD Paramedic Jon Villa. Photo courtesy of the Rochester Fire Department



It's back! The Sippican Harbor Christmas tree has returned thanks to Dan and Kellie Crete of Marion, along with the help of the Cooney, Vergoni, Hall, Pruchnik, Rebello, and Bacchiocchi families. Photo courtesy Kellie Crete

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Harbor Days, an annual Arts and Craft Festival held in Shipyard Park, Mattapoisett every 3rd weekend of July.

The Lion's Club motto is "We Serve", as one of the largest charitable causes of Lion's International includes raising funds for Eye Research in an effort to end preventable blindness throughout the world, eradicating measles world wide in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and here at home providing services for those in need in our communities.

Soup-er Thursdays

On Thursdays for the winter at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street, Marion, Johnson and Wales trained Jody Dickerson will be ladling up some savory homemade soups. Soup will be served at 11:30 am. We request reservations be made 48 hours in advance by calling 508-748-3570.

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January 10 - Italian Wedding Soup

January 17 - Vegetable Soup

January 24 - Beef Barley Soup

January 31 - French Onion Soup



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Center School presented its annual "December Nights, Holiday Lights" performance on December 21, to the delight of students, staff, and families. Photo by Melissa G. Root



The Rochester Memorial School Chorus, Band, and Jazz Band treated the RMS community to a festive performance on December 20, inviting everyone to sing along to usher in the holiday spirit. Photos by E.O. Bednarczyk



ORR Junior High School hosted another holiday concert to a packed auditorium on December 19. The audience enjoyed seasonal selections performed by the Jazz Band, 7th-grade Band, 8th-grade Band, and the Chorus. Photos by E.O. Bednarczyk



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MATTREC Winter Programs

Mattapoisett Recreation winter program sign up is open online. Keep the kids busy while it is cold outside! We have openings in the following programs:

K-1 Basketball evening session is on Wednesdays from 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm. Program runs 1/9-2/13 at the Center School Gymnasium. This program is an introduction to the game of basketball through drills and fun games. This league is Co-ed. Cost is \$55 and includes a shirt. Register by 12/30.

Kid Fit is open to Grades K – 3 and is held on Tuesdays from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. The program runs 1/8-3/5 in the Center School Gymnasium. Join Mr. C. for a new session of KidFit. Classes are designed to increase physical fitness and expend some energy all while having fun! Different games and sports will be played each week. Cost is \$105. Registration deadline is 1/1.

Fencing is on Mondays. Ages 7-11 are at 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm and Ages 10-14 are from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Program runs 1/7-3/11 at the Center School Gymnasium. All equipment is provided. This is an 8-week session. Cost is \$165 and registration deadline is 1/1.

Center Stage Kids is open to Ages 5-12 and is held

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MOVIE REVIEW

The Year in Review

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Setting aside 2018's global turbulence, what did the year mean for movies? I suppose African-American film fans have more reason to be of good cheer than they might have a year ago. Ryan Coogler's *Black Panther* finished domestically with \$700 million, far and away 2018's top grosser. Ava DuVernay's *A Wrinkle in Time* got mixed notices and just barely made back its cost worldwide, but it was still the first film directed by an African-American woman to hit a \$100 million domestic gross (and was definitely the first movie so directed to boast a nine-digit budget). Spike Lee had his biggest hit in years with *BlacKkKlansman*, whose domestic earnings tripled its cost. Other success stories include Charles Stone III's *Uncle Drew* (\$42m gross against \$18m cost), Boots Riley's *Sorry to Bother You* (cost \$3 mil, grossed \$17 mil), and Malcolm D. Lee's *Night School* (made back four times its budget globally).

Add in some wins for Asian-Americans (Jon Chu's *Crazy Rich Asians* and James Wan's *Aquaman*) and gays (*Bohemian Rhapsody* is the top-grossing movie about an LGBTQ+ person in history despite its attempts to straightwash Freddie Mercury) and you have a better-than-middling year for diversity. What you don't have, for the tenth year running, is cinema for grownups. 2008 gave us a sea of blockbusters pointed mainly at teens, and it's been the same story every year since. Now, some movies aiming higher on the age spectrum finished just outside this year's top ten: *A Star Is Born*, say, and the aforementioned *Crazy Rich Asians*. But even the triumphant *Black Panther*, despite its sky-high level of craft and imagination all around, is finally just another brick in the Marvel/Disney wall, and I can imagine Paul Mooney chortling ironically at the fact that the big-deal black superhero got finger-snapped into nonexistence just one movie later, in *Avengers: Infinity War*.

Nobody seriously believes any of those superheroes won't be brought back next April in *Avengers: Just Messin' With You*, *We Ain't Killing Off a Dude Who Made \$1 Billion Worldwide*. Disney isn't exactly hurting (it can brag about having 2018's top three grossers, tossing in *The Incredibles 2*), but it got stung a little with the relatively weak grosses of *A Wrinkle in Time* and *Solo: A Star Wars Story*, the first movie in its historically lucrative franchise to come out in the red column domestically (even though it wound up at #9 on the top ten). Warner's *Fantastic Beasts* sequel is showing some Potterverse fatigue (or



maybe newfound audience wariness about Johnny Depp). Universal has *Jurassic World*, *The Grinch* and *Halloween* to dry its tears over *Skyscraper*, *Pacific Rim Uprising*, and the one-time Oscar hopeful *Green Book*, a meant-to-be-heartwarming road-trip drama much criticized for its retro approach to race relations, which stalled badly in theaters.

Yes, I said *Halloween*. Finishing at #17 on the year-end list, the reboot/sequel opened huge and ended up the biggest-grossing film in the history of its franchise; even adjusted for inflation, it only came in about \$20 million behind the 1978 original. A sequel to this sequel is already planned, though I wish they wouldn't go ahead with it — people came out for this one because it promised closure and brought back Jamie Lee Curtis, and a follow-up would just be more of the night *he* came home again. In general, horror remains strong as a genre; *A Quiet Place* (#12) was this year's *Get Out* in terms of word-of-mouth success (no pun intended), if not in terms of social relevance. Threats to the nuclear family, whether visually challenged monsters or disgruntled white males, were the main boogeymen in 2018's films; the year's "Look out! Brown people!" movies, *Sicario 2* (#53) and *Peppermint* (#75), performed barely above their costs and will not likely be asked back for a third or second dance.

It can be instructive to look at what scares moviegoers, but it's just as useful to consider what makes us laugh (*Deadpool 2*, at #5, is essentially a meta-superhero comedy, perhaps bespeaking the first rustles of superhero fatigue) and what makes it dusty in the room (*A Star Is Born* remains stubbornly effective tearjerker material after eight decades). The popular myths of the day tell us where our heads and hearts are at. Of course, the big breadwinner of twenty years ago was *Saving Private Ryan*; of thirty years ago, *Rain Man*. It has been a while (fifteen years, in fact) since a #1 grosser, like *Rain Man*, was also crowned Best Picture at the Oscars (for those playing at home, it was *The Return of the King*). Will *Black Panther* break the streak and join the ranks of *Titanic* and *Forrest Gump*? We'll see in February, I guess.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Great Decisions Program

Great Decisions is a Foreign Policy Association program that promotes dialog and offers current U.S. Foreign Policy and global issues for discussion. Our group has been meeting for over 41 years and is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Woman's Club with support by Susan Pizzolato, Director of the Mattapoisett Library, and her staff.

Each member will come away with new and exciting ideas about international relations. The 2019 Topics are: 1. Refugees & Global Migration; 2. Middle East: Regional Disorder; 3. Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future; 4. The Rise of Populism in Europe; 5. Decoding U.S. - China Trade; 6. Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics; 7. U.S. & Mexico: Partnership Tested; 8. The State of State Department & Diplomacy.

The discussion program begins Wednesday, **January 16, 2019**, and continues for 8 consecutive weeks until March 6, 2019, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. The group meets at The Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, Ma. in the community meeting room, which is accessible by the side entrance where there is an

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The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our January 31, 2019 issue. The winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100!



Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc. Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 25. Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover. All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com

Voting will start on January 26 and end on January 29. To vote, visit our web page at: www.wanderer.com. The winner will be on the cover of our January 31, 2019 issue.

Everyone who votes will be entered to win a *Wanderer* Groundhog Gift Basket!



TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Dec 16-Dec 22

- South St - Fire Alarm
- Mill St - Medical Emergency
- Cranberry Way - Larceny
- South St - Medical Emergency
- Olde Knoll Road - Burglar Alarm
- Wareham Rd - Burglar Alarm
- Mill St - Animal Complaint
- Front St - Burglar Alarm
- Spring St - Fire Alarm
- Front St - General Service
- Wareham Rd - Disturbance
- Wareham Rd - Suspicious Person
- South St - Fire Alarm
- Marion Rd - Medical Emergency
- Allen's Point Rd - Fire Alarm
- Delano Rd - Burglar Alarm
- Wareham Rd - Medical Emergency
- Cottage St - Suspicious Activity
- Front St - Suspicious Vehicle
- Point Rd - Road Hazard
- Wilson Rd - Disturbance
- River Road - Suspicious Activity
- Rt 193 East - Vehicle Crash
- Wareham Rd - Animal Complaint
- Front St - Found Property
- Spring St - Burglar Alarm
- Piney Point Rd - Suspicious Vehicle
- Wareham Rd - Vehicle Crash
- Converse Rd - Suspicious Vehicle

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 16-Dec 22

- Brandt Island Rd - Health/welfare
- County Rd - MV lockout
- County Rd - Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd - 911 call
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd - Unwanted person
- County Rd - MV crash
- Hilton Ave - Medical/assist
- Acushnet Rd - Assist citizen
- Marion Rd - Restraining order
- Marion Rd - MV crash
- 195 West - MV crash
- Acushnet Rd - 911 call
- Bayberry Ln - Health/welfare
- Knollwood Dr - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd - Summons service
- Antassawamock Rd - Peace officer
- Fairhaven Rd - Summons service
- North St - MV crash
- Upland Way - House check
- Fairhaven Rd - MV crash
- Park Pl - Assist citizen
- Split Rock Ln - MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd - Disturbance
- Crystal Spring Rd - MV crash
- I195 West - MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd - Officer wanted
- Cathaway Ln - Follow up
- Justin Ave - Health/welfare

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec 16-Dec 22

- Cranberry Hwy - 911 hang-up
- Snows Pond Rd - Animal lost/missing
- North Ave - MV accident
- New Bedford Rd - Medical
- Hathaway Pond Rd Cir - Medical
- Neck Rd - Medical emergency
- Cushman Rd - Animal control
- Neck Rd - Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Featherbed Ln - Officer follow up
- Hartley Rd - Suspicious MV
- County Rd - MV accident
- Bisbee Dr - Medical emergency
- Mendell Rd - MV complaint
- Neck Rd - MV accident
- Kings Hwy - Medical emergency
- Springwood Dr - Inside investigation
- Sarah Sherman Rd - Animal rescue
- Marys Pond Rd - Suspicious MV
- Quaker Ln - Complaint
- Cranberry Hwy - Assist citizen
- Neck Rd - Assist citizen
- Alley Rd - Suspicious activity
- Mattapoisett Rd - Assist other agency
- Coombs Rd - Vacation watch
- North Ave - Medical emergency
- Walnut Plain Rd - Larceny/forgery
- Negus Way - Suspicious MV
- Dexter Ln - Animal lost/missing
- Walnut Plain Rd - Suspicious MV

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 31: Beef Picadillo, fluffy rice, Tuscan vegetables, whole wheat bread, fresh apple

Tuesday, Jan 1: Happy New Year

Wednesday, Jan 2: Chicken bruschetta, Italian pasta, Italian green beans, oatmeal bread, Mandarin oranges

Thursday, Jan 3: Cheeseburger, ketchup & mustard, potato wedges, cabbage & carrots, hamburger roll, chocolate chip cookie, diet: graham wafer

Friday, Jan 4: Turkey Divan, dirty rice, multigrain roll, mixed fruit

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 31: No school

Tuesday, Jan 1: No school

Wednesday, Jan 2: Build a burger: cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, French fries, green beans 2nd choice: Chicken Caesar salad

Thursday, Jan 3: Oven fried chicken, honey glazed carrots, baked

beans, roasted potato wedges 2nd

choice: Chicken Caesar salad

Friday, Jan 4: Assorted pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing, fruit cup 2nd

choice: Chicken Caesar salad

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 31: No school

Tuesday, Jan 1: Happy New Year

Wednesday, Jan 2: Build a burger: cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, French fries, green beans 2nd choice: Chicken Caesar salad

Thursday, Jan 3: Oven fried chicken, honey glazed carrots, baked beans, roasted potato wedges 2nd

choice: Chicken Caesar salad

Friday, Jan 4: Assorted pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing 2nd choice:

Chicken Caesar salad

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 31: No school

Tuesday, Jan 1: Happy New Year

Wednesday, Jan 2: Meatball submarine with or without cheese,

cucumber coins & pasta salad, fun size chips

Thursday, Jan 3: Oven fried chicken, honey glazed carrots, baked beans, roasted potato wedges

Friday, Jan 4: Chicken (or) cheese quesadilla, fried rice, sour cream, black bean & corn salsa

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 31: No school

Tuesday, Jan 1: Happy New Year

Wednesday, Jan 2: Build a burger: cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, French fries, green beans 2nd choice: Chicken Caesar salad

Thursday, Jan 3: Oven fried chicken, honey glazed carrots, baked beans, roasted potato wedges 2nd

choice: Chicken Caesar salad

Friday, Jan 4: Assorted pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing, fruit cup 2nd

choice: Chicken Caesar salad

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 31: No school

Tuesday, Jan 1: Happy New Year

Wednesday, Jan 2: Build a burger: cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, French fries, green beans 2nd choice: Chicken Caesar salad

Thursday, Jan 3: Oven fried chicken, honey glazed carrots, baked beans, roasted potato wedges 2nd

choice: Chicken Caesar salad

Friday, Jan 4: Assorted pizza, fresh tossed salad w/ dressing, fruit cup

2nd choice: Chicken Caesar salad

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 31: No school

Tuesday, Jan 1: Happy New Year

Wednesday, Jan 2: Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread

Thursday, Jan 3: Meatball sub or wrap & fries

Friday, Jan 4: Assorted stuffed crust pizza

elevator.

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The deadline for registration is December 29, 2019. The class is limited to 25 people and operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. The textbooks will be available on or around January 9, 2019, for distribution at the Library. Book distribution times will be posted.

To register for this program, please send checks payable to Mattapoissett Woman's Club, and indicate Great Decisions in the memo to P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. Along with your check, include your name, address, email, and telephone number.

Old Rochester's Winter Farmers' Market

Come join us for the first of this years Old Rochester's Winter Farmers' Market. The Market will run the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Old Rochester Regional's Junior High School Gymnasium. The market this year will have seasonal produce, fresh-non-gmo/grass-fed meats, fresh cheeses, local honey, sweet and savory pies, breads, syrup, chocolates and fudge, cranberries, prepared foods, teas, warm alpaca items, soaps, oils artisan crafts, and much more. Story time brought to us by Elizabeth Taber Library and Live Entertainment. Shop local and fresh.

Marion Recreation Public Skating

The Marion Recreation Department, in conjunction with Tabor Academy, will be offering public skating on the following dates and times:

-Sunday(s), **December 30**

-Sunday(s), **January 6, 13, 20, 27**

-Sunday(s), **February 3, 10, 17, 24**

The fee is \$5.00 per skater from 12:00 pm to 1:50 pm. Hats and Gloves are required per skater. No skate rentals available.

Friends of the Mattapoissett Council on Aging

The Friends of the Mattapoissett Council on Aging (FOTMCOA), a non-profit, non-governmental group, has been aiding COA programs and supplementing the needs of senior citizens in the community for many years. During that time, the FOTMCOA has purchased



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furnishings, appliances, and televisions that the COA has used in its social rooms for the benefit of seniors frequenting the COA.

In the community, the FOTMCOA has provided financial support to seniors in need of such items as a new refrigerator or kitchen stove.

The group also sponsors the monthly COA newsletter "Seasonings," as well as hosting various special event luncheons throughout the year giving seniors the opportunity met up with other seniors for a bit of fun and food, social emotional support enriching the lives of Mattapoissett's senior population.

The fundraising work of the FOTMCOA supports COA programs, education, and other needs for which public funds are either not available or need supplementing.

Due to a decrease in membership, new members are now urgently needed to carry on the mission of the FOTMCOA.

Can you help? If you can share an hour once a month to attend the FOTMCOA meeting or wish to assist in any way possible, please contact Anne Bartnowski at 508-758-4603 or email at annebartswife@yahoo.com.



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5 — de deux
8 Finking sort
11 Award for excellence
19 "Give that — cigar!"
20 Milky and iridescent
22 Orchestral introduction
23 Start of a riddle
25 Fishel of "Boy Meets World"
26 Dice, e.g.
27 "Yoo—!"
28 Zodiac sign before Virgo
30 Relaxed
31 Riddle, part 2
37 Boating tool
38 Suffix with butyl
39 Jewish round dance
40 Slalom curve
41 Old Dodge models
43 Foreigner
46 Glove worn at first base
48 Logging tools
52 Riddle, part 3
56 Facet

- 59 Preminger of cinema
60 Thereabouts
61 With
62 Across, student's grade booster
62 See
61 Across
64 Siberian dog
67 Catering hall receptacle
69 Feeling sick
70 Infomercial host Popeil
71 Riddle, part 4
75 The Great Lakes' —
76 Start for cycle
77 Big NYSE event
78 Name of Amazon Echo's personal assistant
79 Buzzing (with)
81 — nova
83 Feedbox fill
86 Gel in a lab
88 Extra details
89 Riddle, part 5
94 Has an itch
95 Towed-away car, maybe
96 Wren dens?

- 97 Actress Pfeiffer
101 Hosp. zones
102 Bar brew, in Berlin
104 "— already said ..."
106 Vain sort's problem
107 End of the riddle
115 Uproar
116 "— a go"
117 Tart's cousin
118 Golf's McIlroy
119 Journeyed
122 Riddle's answer
127 Nephew, e.g.
128 Non-piercing bit of jewelry
129 Nephew of Abel
130 Appraises
131 Big insurance company, for short
132 Bro's counterpart
133 Look at leeringly

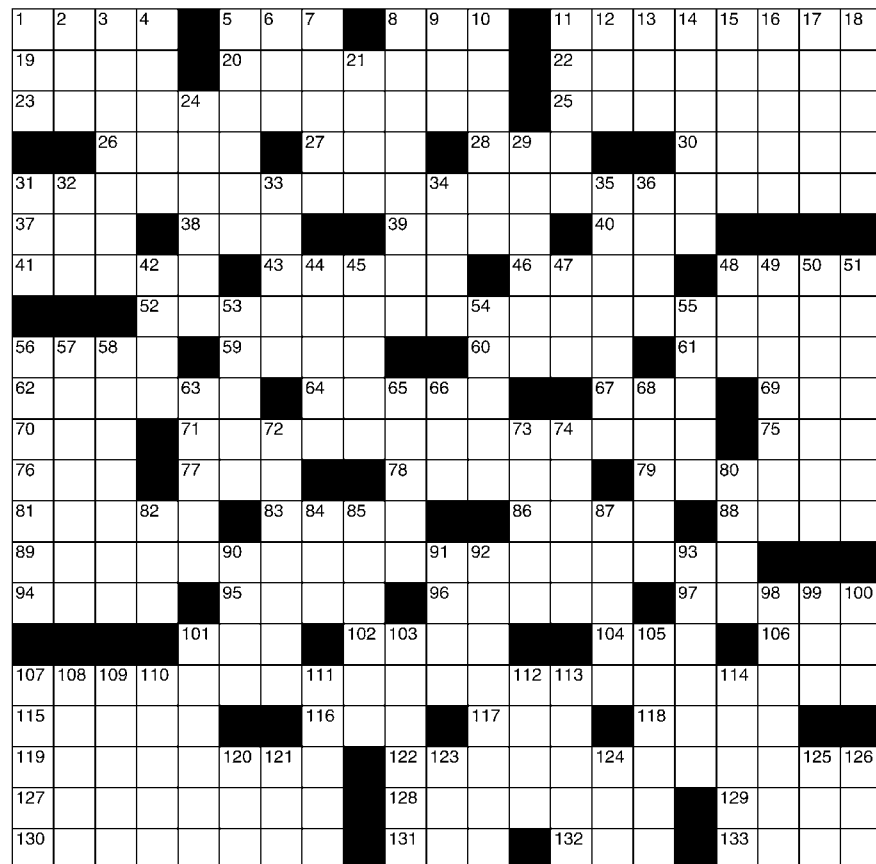
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- 1 Audi rival
2 "Yeah, that's the spot!"
3 Mythical beast
4 — Picchu (Inca site)

- 5 Woolen ball on a hat
6 Kwik-E-Mart proprietor
7 Younger Obama girl
8 Glancing rebound
9 Actress Ortiz
10 Part of ATM
11 Beckett's "Waiting for —"
12 Some gametes
13 Football's Dawson
14 Moisture-removing additives
15 Geyser stuff
16 City on the Arkansas
17 "Stormy Weather" composer
18 Like some marshes
21 Maned beast
24 "Fingers crossed!"
29 Beguile
31 Yucky stuff
32 Slam into
33 Large meal
34 Skye of the screen
35 Is leaked
36 Villa d'—
42 Covered with frosting

- 44 Thin and graceful
45 "A Mighty Fortress — God"
47 They're uncertain
48 Female, e.g.
49 Craftsperson
50 Military commander
51 "Giant" skiing events
53 Still sleeping
54 Arthur Conan —
55 Sells from a cart, say
56 Covered with brushwood
57 Smelled stuff
58 University in Granville, Ohio
63 Basketball's — Thomas
65 Stockpile
66 — Kan (old brand of dog food)
68 Raises
72 Most needy
73 Tests
74 Bedevil
80 Walk across a creek
82 Rte. parts
84 Nile biter
85 Second-rate
87 Very, to Verdi
90 Screws up

- 91 Rare blood type, for short
92 Lima-based flag carrier of 1973-99
93 Tesla rival
98 Rejecting
99 Custard ingredient
100 Greek dawn goddess
101 Swamp birds
103 Foot or shoe part
105 Sharpening belts
107 SAG: — (labor union)
108 Angler's aids
109 Spoken tests
110 Star bursts
111 Pokes fun at
112 Of financial matters: Abbr.
113 Gets better
114 "— ed Euridice" (Gluck opera)
120 Fleur-de— (royal emblem)
124 12, to Nero
125 Loudness: Abbr.
126 WNW's reverse



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The arts are a strong part of the Arian aspect, with music becoming more dominant. An important decision looms as a longtime relationship takes an unexpected turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Surrounding yourself with beautiful things helps restore the Taurean soul. Enjoy an art exhibit, for example. Or redecorate your personal space with something truly splendid.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Some colleagues might try to talk you out of what they insist is a risk, but which you consider an opportunity. As usual, follow your own good sense when making your decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A workplace change you might have worried about soon proves to be highly favorable for the clever Crab who is ready to take advantage of new opportunities opening up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. Your Leonine pride is polished to a dazzling new brilliance thanks to your success in winning support for your new project from even the most doubtful of detractors.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unsettling rumor about a colleague's apparently regrettable behavior is soon proved groundless, allowing you to enjoy the upcoming end-of-year festivities in a happy mood.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special pre-New Year's party just for them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do your best, which sometimes causes you to be critical of those who don't live up to your standards.

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50+ Job Seekers Networking Group

Area residents are invited to participate in a job-networking group specifically designed for individuals aged 50 years old and above. The group is geared to the needs of a range of participants including those unemployed, underemployed, unhappily employed, returning to the workforce after a gap, or retired and seeking a totally new career direction. Those looking for full- or part-time employment are welcome. There is no charge for the program.

Each session will focus on a different topic including assessing skills, developing a job search plan, revising resumes, creating a LinkedIn profile, interviewing, networking, and more. In addition to providing a supportive environment, the sessions will offer materials, strategies, techniques, and other resources, which can accelerate the often tedious and discouraging search for a job. The issues of ageism will also be integrated into each session to provide participants with an understanding of the age discrimination that is often experienced in the job search process.

The formal session will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to arrive at 12:30 pm to check-in and for networking.

The program is funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and managed by the Massachusetts Councils on Aging (MCOA) in partnership with the Acushnet and Marion Councils on Aging.

Meetings are held in Marion on the 1st Tuesday of each month and in Acushnet on the 3rd Tuesday.

Meetings are free of charge, but registration is required. To reserve your space visit: www.mcoonline.com/50plus.

For specific questions, contact: Heather Sylvia at 508-998-0280 or Karen Gregory at 508-748-3570.

Friendly Visitor Program

The Friendly Visitor Program of the Marion COA seeks to maximize independence and enrich the quality of life for isolated seniors within the community. The program provides screened and trained volunteers to visit seniors in their homes. Visitors support seniors through weekly contact, providing social support, and a connection to the community. All volunteers are screened through a CORI (Criminal History Systems Board) check. For more information, please contact Linda Aguiar at 508 748-3570.

Library Assistance for Color Blindness

If you are someone who is affected by color blindness, new glasses you can borrow from the Mattapoisett Free Public Library might offer you a new visual experience.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Mattapoisett Lions Club, the library now lends a pair of EnChroma glasses, designed for use with a particular type of color vision deficiency known as red-green color blindness. Some users will benefit dramatically right away, while others may take up to two weeks to see results, according to the manufacturer.

Borrowing the glasses is a good way to try them out and see if you might benefit before purchasing your own pair because not everyone with color blindness will benefit.

For more information about EnChroma glasses, visit the company's website at www.enchroma.com.

For information about borrowing non-traditional materials from the library, visit www.mattapoisettlibrary.org/libraryofthings.asp or stop by during library hours, see the displays, and speak with the staff. Many interesting and fun items are available, which will save

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1130 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of ALEX COSTEIRA for property located at 163 Dexter Lane, identified on Assessor's Map 6, Lot 43, who is seeking a Variance under Chapter 20.40, Section C.2.7. to allow an accessory structure (garage) larger than 1,000 square feet, and another Variance under the same section to allow the construction of the garage to be closer than 40' from the side lot setback. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room at 1 Constitution Way. Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 12/20, 12/27 MATTAPOISETT SELF STORAGE, Inc. SELF STORAGE FACILITY AUCTION SALE PUBLIC NOTICE Mattapoisett Self Storage Operator's Sale for non-payment of Storage Charges pursuant to the power of sale contained in M.G.L. Chapter 105A, Section 4. The following property will be sold at Public Auction at 2:30 pm on January 7, 2019, on the premises of Mattapoisett Self Storage, 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. All household furniture, trunks, books, clothes, appliances, tools, antiques, miscellany held for: Paul Neves, Unit E070; Danielle Zora, Unit E069. Sale per order of Mattapoisett Self Storage. Tel: 508-758-4311. Terms: Cash. Units sold by the entirety. Sale is subject to postponement and/or cancellation. www.StorageAuctionsUSA.com Lic # 111. 12/20, 12/27 TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #759 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 10, 2019, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of MARK ROSS and MARGOT MIMS for a special permit under section 230-6.1.C of the zoning by law to allow reconstruction, extension, alteration or change of a non-conforming structure. The property, located at 195c Converse Road, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 17 as Lot 37. Marc Leblanc, Chairman 12/20, 12/27 TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC NOTICE The Town of Rochester is seeking SEALED BIDS FOR THE SALE OF A SURPLUS VEHICLE. Sealed bids will be accepted in the Board of Selectmen's office, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 am on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at which time the bids will be opened publicly. The Town will be accepting bids on the following item: (1) 2005 Chevrolet Van, Red in Color (134,000 miles) Bid forms are available in the Board of Selectmen's Office, or by calling 508-763-3871 Monday through Friday. Inspection of vehicle may be arranged by emailing Town Facility Manager Andrew Daniel at adaniel@townofrochester.com. 12/27	TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the main conference room at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent (File No. SE 041-1301) submitted by E. BYRON HENSLEY, JR. to construct a residential pier facility into the waterway of Wings Cove to provide access for recreational boating, fishing and swimming. It will consist of a 4' wide x 265' long elevated boardwalk across the bordering vegetated wetland and salt marsh and then a 4' wide x 101' long pier with a 3' x 20' gangway and 10' x 20' float at its terminus at 95 Holly Road. The site is further identified as Lot 119 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff Doubrava - Chair, 12/27 TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:10 pm in the main conference room at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent (File No. SE 041-1300) submitted by PAUL J. AND CHRISTINE A. DRISCOLL to construct a residential pier facility into the waterway of Wings Cove to provide access for recreational boating, fishing, and swimming. It will consist of a 3' wide x 145' long elevated boardwalk across the bordering vegetated wetland and salt marsh and then a 4' wide x 61' long pier with a 3' x 20' gangway and 10' x 20' float at its terminus at 51 Holly Road. The site is further identified as Lot 45 on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff Doubrava - Chair, 12/27 TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:20 pm in the main conference room at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent (File No. SE 041-13XX) submitted by STEPHEN D. & CAROL M. MILLIGAN to perform repairs and/or improvements to the existing pile supported pier to provide long-term stability to the structure at 312 Delano Road. The site is further identified as Lot 3 on Marion Assessors' Map 5. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeff Doubrava - Chair, 12/27 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by SCOTT SNOW, PO Box 1134, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. There is no work proposed at this time. The applicant wishes to on confirm the limit of wetlands. The project is located at 6 and 8 Prospect Road, and is further identified as Lot 5 on Assessor Map 27 and 28. 12/27	TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed BY KENNETH VIERA, 54 Vaughan Hill Road, Rochester, MA 02770 for work on property located at 54 Vaughan Hill Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant proposes to resurface the existing driveway with blue stone, remove five (5) damaged trees, and remove fill that was accidentally staged in the 100 foot Buffer Zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Siltation control measures will be implemented. The property owners of record are Kenneth & Theresa Viera, 54 Vaughan Hill Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The project location is 54 Vaughan Hill Road, which is designated as Lots 10 and 11A on Rochester Assessors' Map 31. This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Michael Conway, Chairman 12/27 TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Notice of Intent filed by T-MOBILE NORTHEAST LLC c/o Network Building & Consulting, LLC, 100 Apollo Drive, Suite B, Chelmsford, MA 01824 for property located at 98 Bowen's Lane, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 14 on Assessor's Map 31. The applicant proposes installation of a 25kw generator on a 4' x 10' pad approximately 34' from a bordering vegetated wetland: all work will be performed outside of the Town of Rochester's 25-foot No Disturb Zone. The generator will provide power to a T-Mobile antenna installation attached to the adjacent communications tower. The property owners of record are Michael J. Umamo & Donald C. Cody, Trustees, New England Nominee Trust, 4 Lone Street, Marshfield, MA 02050. The applicant's representative is Marty Cohen, Network Building & Consulting, LLC, 100 Apollo Drive, Suite 303, Chelmsford, MA 01824. This hearing will be held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Michael Conway, Chairman 12/27 TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Notice of Intent filed by SOFIA DARRAS, 79 Walpole Street, Dover, MA 02030 for property located at 565 Rounseville <i>Continued on page 60</i>

you money, including cake pans and cookie cutter sets, fishing poles, an InstantPot, binoculars, and much more. Patrons need to present their adult library card in good standing to borrow library materials.

Marion Music Hall

As part of the on-going effort to upgrade the Marion Music Hall, the Board of Selectmen has unanimously approved new Guidelines and Rental Fees. With the Council on Aging having now moved to the renovated Veteran's Hall on Route 6, there are increased rental opportunities at the Hall as well.

This historic masterpiece was the gift of Elizabeth Sprague Pitcher Taber whose vision was that Marion and surrounding communities have a hall for lectures, concerts, and performances. It was constructed in 1891 for \$23,000. Through the years, it has been a favored venue for town committee meetings and parties, for concerts and musicals, and for private events including weddings and parties. Mrs. Taber also had the vision to build the Town Library and Natural History Museum, the Stone Chapel at the Congregational Church, and Tabor Academy, originally founded to educate girls and boys of Marion.

The Music Hall is available free of charge to all Town of Marion committees and organizations such as the Elizabeth Taber Library, the Council on Aging, and the Police and Fire Departments. In honoring Elizabeth Taber's wishes, it remains accessible to all Marion citizens according to the new fee schedule, which helps defray the costs to taxpayers while covering maintenance and utility expenses. While the rate structure has changed, the rates remain among the most competitive in Marion and surrounding towns. Local couples will be hard pressed to find such a great wedding venue on a weekend for as low as \$600. (Bookings made before September 1, 2017 will



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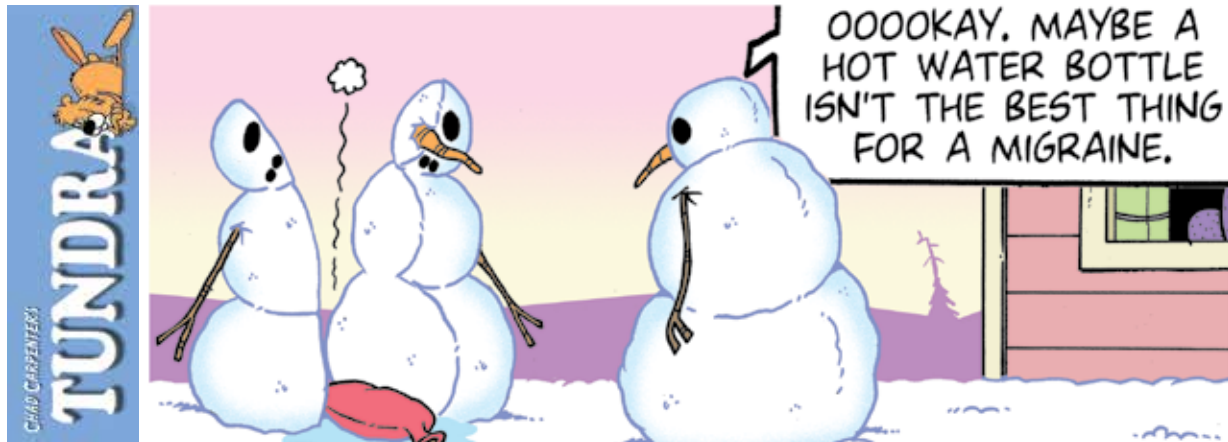
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Road, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lots 24, 25, & 25D on Assessor's Map 30. The applicant proposes the installation of a new drainage system to replace the existing system, and bring the site into conformance with stormwater standards. This project also involves the permitting of an existing drainage pipe and discharge to the wetlands. The property owners of record are Sofia Darras, 79 Walpole Street, Dover, MA 02030 and Gibbs V. & Patricia M. Bray, Trustee, P.O. Box 989, Marion, MA 02738. The applicant's representative is J.C. Engineering, Inc., 2854 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham, MA 02538. This hearing will be held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.	Michael Conway, Chairman 12/27 TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION & TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Meeting Room, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA regarding a Notice of Intent filed by SCHOEN & BONNIE MORRISON, 15 Cranberry Highway, LLC, 177 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115 for property located at 15 Cranberry Highway, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 31C on Assessor's Map 17. The applicant proposes to redevelop the existing commercial office build-	ing into a day care center with some rental space. The applicant proposes to construct a water quality swale adjacent to an existing parking lot, leading to an existing drainage basin within 25 feet of a bordering vegetated wetland. The property owner of record is Decas Real Estate Trust, William Decas, Trustee, 4 Old Forge Road, Carver, MA 02330. The applicant's representative is William F. Madden, G.A.F. Engineering, Inc., 266 Main Street, Wareham, MA 02571. This hearing will be held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law. Michael Conway, Chairman 12/27



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honor the original rental fees.)

For inquiries and further information, please contact Tami Daniel, Music Hall Coordinator, at tdaniel@marionma.gov or 508-748-9556.

Mattapoisett COA

Volunteers are needed now to train for the upcoming tax season in 2019. Tax-Aide volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers who might otherwise miss out on the credits and deductions they've earned. Tax-Aide volunteers receive training and support in a welcoming environment. There is need for volunteer tax preparers for the Mattapoisett area. Every level of experience is welcome. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification. To learn more about the training, hours and other information, please call AARP Foundation area coordinator, Ann Layton, at 508-971-0344.

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For more information: Mattapoisett residents, please contact the Public Health Nurse at 508-758-4118. Marion residents, please contact the Marion Board of Health at 508-748-3530. Rochester residents, please contact the Rochester Board of Health at 508-763-5421.

Marion Conservation Commission

The Marion Conservation Commission currently has an opening for an Associate Member and is accepting letters of interest from Marion registered voters who have an interest in wetlands, environmental protection, and natural resources conservation. Conservation Commissions are the official municipal boards charged with protecting natural resources and administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Chapter 131, §40. The Conservation Commission's responsibilities under the Wetlands Protection Act include reviewing proposed activities within jurisdictional areas to ensure that the activities will not alter a wetland resource area. The Marion Conservation Commission is comprised of five Members and two Associate Members. Associate

Members are designated by the Commission chair to sit on the Commission in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest on the part of a Member of the Commission, or in the event of a vacancy on the Commission until the vacancy is filled by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the Conservation Commission Act, MGL Chapter 40, §8C. Conservation Commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm. If you're interested in getting involved in local government and serving your community and have experience and/or interest in environmental protection, please send a letter expressing your interest in being appointed an Associate Member of the Marion Conservation Commission to Lissa Magauran, Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant, 2 Spring Street, Marion MA 02738 or by email to lmagauran@marionma.gov.

Associate Members Needed

Are you interested in protecting wetlands in Rochester? Have you thought about serving on a board and learning more about what's going on in town? The Rochester Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers interested in serving as Associate Members



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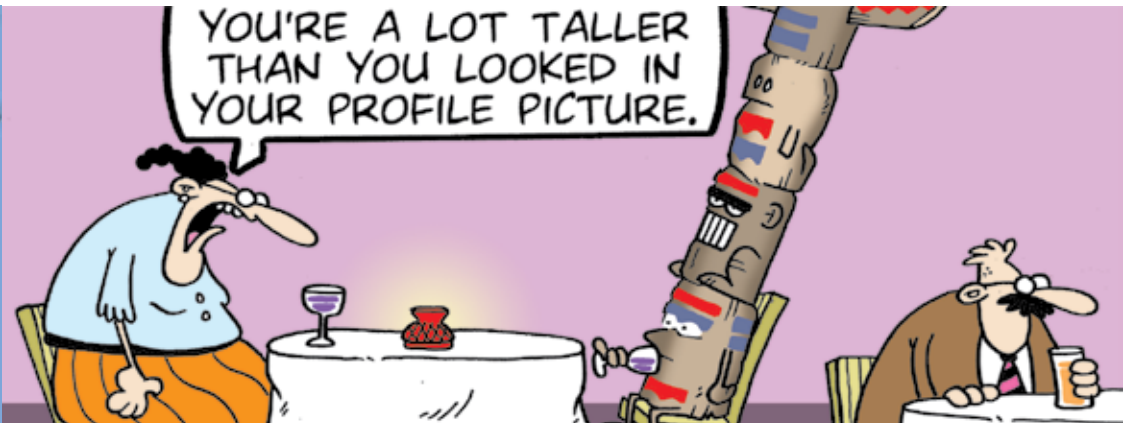
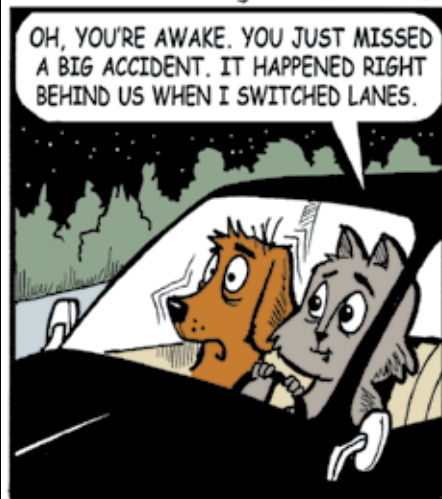
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The Conservation Commission was established in Rochester in 1963 and is charged with protecting Rochester's natural resources. The Conservation Commission also advises other municipal officials and boards on conservation issues that relate to their areas of responsibility. In 1972, the Commission was given the responsibility of administering the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Ch. 131 40). The Conservation Commission serves the community in a regulatory as well as a conservation capacity.

Please feel free to contact Conservation Agent Laurell J. Farinon at 508-763-5421 ext. 206 or lfarinon@townofrochester.com with any questions about becoming an Associate Member, or send a letter of interest to the Rochester Conservation Commission, Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, Rochester, MA 02770.



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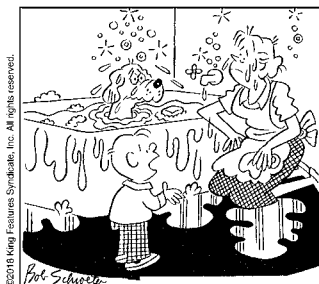
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that each row across, each column down and
each small 9-box square contains all of the
numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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"Can we trade him in for a cat?"

They're self- _____ ."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the CAPITAL letters below to form four ordinary words. Then
rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word to complete the gag!

Blend
LEMING _____

Blunt
TRICED _____

Invent
TRACEE _____

Sniff
HEALIN _____

TODAY'S WORD

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity has recently joined hands with those in the community to form a group of builders, subcontractors, and donors, all volunteering their time, skills, and resources to help a local mother. After the birth of her second child, the mother contracted an aggressive infection that ultimately led to bilateral below-the-knee amputations along with other serious complications. After months of rehabilitation, this mother remains determined to continue with therapy to improve her mobility in hopes of one day being able to keep up with her two young and active children. Habitat for Humanity has stepped in to help renovate the family's home and will be providing a large accessible bathroom for the mother.

Habitat's "Brush With Kindness" program allows Habitat to serve local families who are in need of repairs such as weatherization (interior storm windows), painting, fixing up an existing porch, adding a ramp, repairing a roof, or making a home accessible again. For families in need of critical home repairs, Habitat's Brush With Kindness program may be the solution. To sponsor or nominate a family, please call the Habitat office at 508-758-4517.

Habitat for Humanity homes and Brush With Kindness projects are fully supported by donations. Habitat's financial resources are limited and they rely upon gifts of land, discounted properties, donations, and discounted materials to assure the affordability of the houses that are built and the remodel projects that are completed.

Habitat's mission is to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Please consider partnering with Habitat to help make this project and others a reality for local families in need of our help. To

make a donation, please call Habitat's office at 508-758-4517.

Mattapoisett SEPAC Officer Vacancy

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is seeking a Mattapoisett resident to serve as an elected officer. The SEPAC is led by three officers – one from each community within the Tri-Town. The Mattapoisett SEPAC officer role is currently vacant. If you have interest in serving and/or would like more information regarding the responsibilities, please contact The Office of Student Services, Attn: Director of Student Services Michael S. Nelson, 508-758-2772 ext.1942, mikenelson@oldrochester.org.

Massachusetts state law requires all public school districts to maintain a Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) open to all parents of students with disabilities, and all other interested parties. SEPAC's key points: Advise the school committee on matters pertaining to the education and safety of students with disabilities; meet regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of special education programs; receive assistance from the school committee without charge, upon reasonable notice, and subject to the

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For more information contact us: Telephone: 774-328-6196, e-mail: Healing@regainsupport.com, Facebook: Regain addiction support group.

Safe Storage and Disposal of Medications and Syringes

Many local police departments offer 24/7 prescription medication drop-boxes for the safe disposal of unused or expired medications. Medications that can be disposed of in the drop-boxes include prescription ointments, prescription medications, medication patches, and samples, as well as over the counter medications, vitamins, and pet medications. Lotions, liquids, and non-prescription ointments are not permitted. For your privacy, please remember to remove all personal identification before placing items in the drop-box. In Mattapoisett, the medication drop-box is in the lobby of the Police Station, located at 64 County Road (Route 6).

For the safe disposal of needles and syringes, sharps containers are available free of charge from the Mattapoisett Police Station and the Public Health Nurse's office. Used sharps containers may be returned to the Public Health Nurse's office for safe and proper disposal of these items.

The safe and proper storage and disposal of all medications, needles, and syringes helps to prevent accidents or misuse. These items should always be stored in a secure location, out of sight and out of reach of children. To assist you with safe storage in the home, lock-boxes can be purchased at your local pharmacy or retail store such as CVS, Walgreens, or Rite Aid.

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A group of volunteers would like to pick you up on Sunday for the church service and take you home afterwards. The worship service begins at 10:00 am and a fellowship time follows the service. The church has an elevator and is handicap accessible.

All you need to do is call the church office at 508-748-1053 by noon on Friday to arrange for a ride on Sunday. Also, let the office know whether you have any mobility aids such as a walker or wheelchair so that the appropriate vehicle can transport you. We have a team of six drivers who would love to bring you to church. More drivers will be arranged if needed.

We will gladly arrange for this transportation for one week or for every week. Please do not hesitate to call the church office to ask for transportation. Our drivers are happy to transport you.

We look forward to seeing you in church.

Red Cross Volunteers Needed

There are many ways our Red Cross volunteers are involved and give back to the community. They help canteen for our brave first responders, keep you hydrated during a local road race or even a Cape Cod Baseball League game on a hot summer day. We have blood service volunteers that help us fill this critical life-saving need for blood. There are opportunities to volunteer to



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Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 20	5:29	5:55	11:48	11:29
Friday	December 21	6:19	6:46		12:34
Saturday	December 22	7:08	7:36	12:16	1:23
Sunday	December 23	7:58	8:26	1:05	2:12
Monday	December 24	8:49	9:18	1:56	3:01
Tuesday	December 25	9:41	10:13	2:48	3:48
Wednesday	December 26	10:36	11:09	3:40	4:36
Thursday	December 27	11:33		4:34	5:29
Friday	December 28	12:08	12:31	5:37	6:39
Saturday	December 29	1:06	1:29	7:12	8:03
Sunday	December 30	2:05	2:28	9:03	9:07
Monday	December 31	3:07	3:31	10:11	9:51
Tuesday	January 1	4:09	4:33	11:02	10:27
Wednesday	January 2	5:07	5:28	11:44	11:01
Thursday	January 3	5:58	6:17		12:19
Friday	January 4	6:44	7:02	12:01	12:51
Saturday	January 5	7:26	7:44	12:16	1:24
Sunday	January 6	8:06	8:24	12:58	1:59

Phases of the Moon	Full Moon	December 22nd
	Last Quarter	December 29th
	New Moon	January 5th
	First Quarter	January 14th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

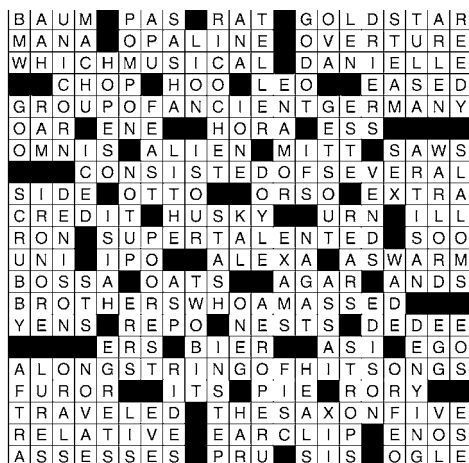
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In the December 20, 2018 issue the Aardvark was on page 61!

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SCRAMBLERS

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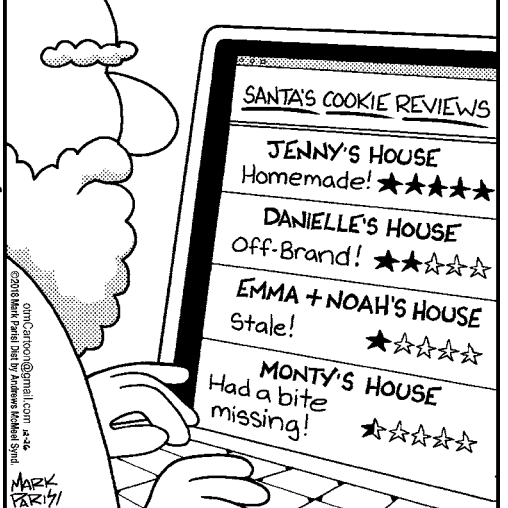
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4	6	7	2	8	5	3	9	1
9	1	5	8	7	2	6	4	3
3	8	6	9	5	4	1	7	2
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Lean Cuisine
Entrees

2/\$5



12 oz. Bottles
Extra or Light
Corona

12 Pack

\$14.99
Plus Dep.



750 ml California Wine
Brut or Extra Dry

Korbel
Sparkling
Wine

\$13.99



Superior Quality Produce



Jumbo
Cantaloupes..... **\$2.99**
ea.

Jumbo, California
Navel Oranges **\$1.69**
lb.

California
Lemons **2/\$1.49**

Crisp
Broccoli Crowns..... **\$1.69**
lb.

1 lb. Pkg. Peeled
Mini Carrots **\$1.49**

8 oz. Pkg. Organic, White
Whole Mushrooms..... **\$2.49**

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!